
WINNING THE WAR WITH SIN (Part 2)

TODAY'S TEXTS: [Romans 7](#)

How do we live free from the power of sin?

- FEED ON GOD'S _____ ([1 Corinthians 3:1-3](#))

- KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE ONE WHO _____ SIN ([Hebrews 12:1-3](#))
 - Two Actions:
 - Strip off every _____
 - Deal with the Sin that easily _____ you up.
 - [Hebrews 4:14-15](#)

- LOOK FOR A WAY _____ ([1 Corinthians 10:12-13](#))

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: ROMANS: Best News Ever

Message: Part 11 – Winning The War With Sin (Part 2)

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Connect (30min)

1. FELIZ NAVIDAD FAVES

“He took on your face in the hope that you would see His. Jesus did not enter the world to help us save ourselves. He entered the world to save us from ourselves.”- [Max Lucado](#)

What are your *Festive Faves*? Choose one for each category.

*Christmas Carol

*Christmas Lights Colour

*Christmas Food/Treat

*Christmas Movie

*Nativity Character(s)

*Family Outing/Tradition

2. OPEN UP

📖 Read [Isaiah 9:2-7](#) and have one group member open in prayer as you move into the message discussion.

📺 Watch [Optional] [The Shepherd – A Story of the First Christmas](#) (25min)

Message Discussion (45min)

1. THE NAUGHTY LIST:

a. What was something you got caught doing (by your parents) that they had told you not to do?

What were the consequences?

b. What was something you didn't get caught doing (but had be told not to do...)?

What were the consequences, if any (beyond what you escaped from your parents)?

2. **MESSAGE RECAP:** What jumped out at you from this week's message? Was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How can you apply it to your life? Share.

3. In 📖 **Romans 7** Paul teaches us that Salvation brings a complete change in spiritual relationship. No longer are believers *married to the Law*. Instead, believers are *bound to Jesus*. In him, Christians are free from the penalty of the Law because we have already experienced the penalty of the Law – death – in and through the death of Jesus Christ. Now, we are free to serve joyfully not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

>> Share the reading of 📖 [Romans 7](#).

a. What illustration did Paul use to explain a Christian relationship to the written Law?

What is he trying to communicate?

b. Whom does the husband represent in Paul's illustration?

c. What does Paul mean when he says that we are now released from the Law (**Romans 7:6**)?

What does he not mean? (**Clarifying question:** Are we now free to live any way we please? Why/why not?)

d. Paul says that our sinful desires were aroused by the Law when we were unbelievers. Does this mean the Law of God is a bad thing? How does the Bible view the Law of God (📖 [Psalm 119:18, 97, 136, 165](#))?

Why is the law important (📖 [Romans 3:19-21, 31, 7:12](#))?

4. NEW RELATIONSHIP

- a. What kind of relationship do believers now have with the law?
(*In Christ, we can meet the demands of righteousness.*)
- b. According to **verse 6**, what role does *the Holy Spirit* play in all this?
(He enables us to serve and to obey the Lord Jesus joyfully, which is precisely what we have been set free to do.)
- c. What practical difference might it make moving forward to know that you have died to the law, and you now belong to Jesus?

5. BATTLE PLAN

Shawn mentioned three actions that can help us win the war with sin:

- a. **FEED on God's Word** (Read [Psalm 119:9-16](#); [1 Corinthians 3:1-3](#); [Matthew 4:1-11](#))
 - i. Would you consider yourself still drinking milk spiritually or are you eating solid food spiritually? Discuss.
 - ii. Why is spending time in God's Word so important to winning the war with sin?
 - iii. How did Jesus combat Satan in the wilderness?
- b. **Keep your FOCUS on the One who defeated sin** (Read [Hebrews 2:18, 12:1-3 & 4:14-15](#))
 - i. What are the two things we can do in order to keep our focus on Jesus?
 - ii. How can good things in our life cause us or lead us to sin?
- c. **LOOK for a way out** (Read [1 Corinthians 6:18-20, 10:12-13](#))
 - i. When is it wise to leave (even run) from a situation or temptation?
 - ii. What are some ways God provides a way out in the struggle with sin?

Prayer (15min)

- Give thanks to God that all that belongs to Christ belongs to those who are married to Christ.
- Ask the Holy Spirit, through whom you have new life, to multiply your joy in obeying the Lord.
Ask Him to help you serve Christ with a joyful willingness.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to make us into a church family who eagerly desire to obey our Lord.
- In response to Roman's teaching and our discussion together, what is one way that we can pray for you?
- Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men & women) to pray for one another, and other needs that are shared.

Romans Road

- Continue to read & study through Romans this week.
- Memorize *The Romans Road* – [Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 10:9-10, Romans 10:13](#).

Group in January

- Discuss your tentative or confirmed date to reconnect in January.
Who is returning in January? Is there room to add people in January?