

Keeping Hope Real

Romans 7:1-24 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction: *Biblical Kindness: Where the hospitality and humility of heaven define our lives on earth so that God's character is revealed in all we say and do.*

Positionally, it's important to know where we stand in our hope. (Romans 6:1-7:13)

1. We are free to serve God through a _____ lifestyle. (Romans 6:1-23)
2. We are in desperate need for God's _____ grace. (Romans 7:1-13)

Experientially, it's important to know why we struggle in our hope. (Romans 7:14-24)

1. There are _____ to accept about our struggle with sin. (v.16)
 - a. We cannot _____ our bent to disobey God on our own. (v.14)
 - b. We do not _____ our wishes to obey God at all times. (vv.15,18-19)
 - c. We dare not _____ our sin nature if we want to succeed. (v.17)
2. There are _____ to admit about our struggle with sin. (vv.17, 20, 22-23)

- a. There is a civil war occurring _____ each of us.
 - b. This civil war will not end until we are _____ and see Jesus. (Jude 24)
3. There are some _____ to acknowledge about our struggle with sin. (vv.22-24)
 - a. We _____ when we try to fight sin in our flesh.
 - b. We _____ when our focus is on the flesh.

Realistically, it's important to know how we can survive in our hope. (Romans 7:15)

1. We should freely _____ our own lack of understanding. (v.15)
2. We should _____ our own imperfections. (2 Corinthians 11:23-30)
3. We should _____ our failure as we hold on to Christ. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
4. We should _____ our true feelings to the Lord. (Psalm 32,51; Matthew 11:28-29)

Verse for May 2026 - Matthew 11:28-29 *Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*