

ROMANS 7:14-25

THE WAR WITHIN

CONFUSED BY SIN:

Paul admits he doesn't even understand himself sometimes, and neither do we
(Read Romans 7:14-17)

- What does Paul mean that the law is spiritual, but he is of the flesh? (e.g. Galatians 5:17)
- What is a believer's relationship with sin, and why does sin continue to plague a believer until glorification? (e.g. 1 John 8-10)

COMPELLED BY SIN:

This struggle is not just mental, at times, it pulls us into what we do not want to do
(Read Romans 7:18-20)

- Why does nothing good dwell in our flesh? (e.g. Romans 3:10-12; Jeremiah 17:9)
- How does a believer overcome sin and evil within them? (e.g. Galatian 2:20; 5:16)

CAPTIVE BY SIN:

Sometimes it may feel like sin has us cornered, but it is then we must lift our eyes to Christ
(Read Romans 7:21-23)

- Why can a believer only delight in the law of God? (e.g. Psalm 1:2; 119:14, 77, 97, 140)
- What is the other law waging war against the law of Paul's mind (e.g. James 4:1), and how can sin sometimes hold a believer captive? (e.g. Romans 6:12-14)

FREED BY CHRIST:

Our cry of despair turns into a shout of hope; thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord
(Read Romans 7:24-25)

- What does Paul mean when he calls himself wretched? (e.g. 1 Timothy 13-16)
- Paul is showing the normal Christian struggle, not a contradiction, but a tension between the "already" (we are justified and indwelt by the Spirit) and the "not yet" (we still battle the flesh until glorification). That tension sets up the cry of 7:24 and the victory of 8:1. Why is Jesus the only One who can deliver us from the body of death? (e.g. 1 Corinthians 15:57)