

THE BATTLE THAT RAGES WITHIN YOU Pt. 2

(Romans 7:21-25)

II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)

III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REPRODUCED IN SANCTIFICATION (6:1-8:13)

A. The Believer's IDENTIFICATION with Christ (Romans 6)

B. The Believer's RELATIONSHIP to the Law (Romans 7:1-6)

C. The IDENTITY of the ENEMY within (Romans 7:7-25)

1. Romans chapter 7 is so essential for the believer in Christ to understand.
 - a. It demonstrates that progressive sanctification is _____ accomplished by you merely _____ a set of laws with a great deal of will power.
 - b. It teaches that the struggle with sin in your life is not so much with sins that you commit, but with the root cause, the _____ that resides _____ you.
 - c. It establishes that the human race is _____ inherently good, but _____, even _____.
2. Paul had come to a settled conclusion about what he had _____ experientially, the basic "*principle*" (*nomos*) was that despite his desire to do good, something "_____" resided within him. (v. 21)
3. Because the apostle was regenerated, his "*inward man*" i.e., his _____ had a strong desire to please the Lord and _____ Christ. (v. 22, cf. 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 3:14-16)

4. Paul had discovered that despite what the “*law of his mind*” knew was right and what he should do, there was a _____ taking place _____ his physical _____. (v. 23a)
5. He had to admit that he was helpless, and in _____ _____ to his sin nature. (v. 23b)
- a. The carnal life may look attractive to the disillusioned believer, but it will only bring a great deal of _____, and make you a _____.
- b. Apart from a right _____ relationship with Jesus Christ, life is completely _____.
6. Longing for deliverance from a battle that he continuously _____, he cried out in utter _____ and _____, “*O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*” (v. 24)

* Historically how was this term “*body of death*” used outside of the New Testament?

7. Through Jesus Christ and the indwelling of His Spirit there is genuine _____ and _____ over the sin nature! (v. 25a)
8. Paul finally concluded that with his New Nature he was _____ _____; but with his sin nature he would _____ the principle of _____. (v. 25b)

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life today?