

Indwelling Sin in the Believer, Part 2
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: Though we are encumbered by sin in this life, we can be thankful for One who took upon his own body the sin of the world.

Paul uses himself as the example to show the great struggle with indwelling sin that he has in his own heart and life, seeking to grow in the knowledge of God while still being assaulted by sin. And Indwelling sin should at least remind us to live our lives prayerfully, repentantly, resolutely, and hopefully – in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our bodies to be with God perfectly and completely, one day in the future when all sin is thus destroyed. So, even though the constant presence of sin is quite a discouraging thing, we can at least be encouraged that one day, sin will be gone completely and even death will be cast into the lake of fire.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 7:21-25** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in Part 2 the sermon entitled “**Indwelling Sin in the Believer.**”

DIG IN

1. A Rival Law (Romans 7:21-23)

Describe the rival law found in verses 21-23. What does this law seek to do in the heart and mind of the believer?

Does the presence of this rival law negate our love for God’s law? Why or why not?

2. A Wretched Man (Romans 7:24)

Read Psalm 55:6: In what ways might the Psalmist echo Paul’s frustrated cry of Romans 7:24? In what ways do we experience the same frustrations?

When will we be free from this wretched state? Why is knowing that important?

Why do we tend to ask “Why?” or “When?” rather than “Who?” What does Paul’s cry teach us about our own cries for deliverance?

3. A Risen Lord (Romans 7:25)

How is it possible for Paul to thank God through Jesus Christ even though he has not yet been fully delivered from the presence of sin?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-57: In what ways might this also help us to be thankful even in the midst of our war with sin?

In what ways do we serve the law of sin with our flesh? In what ways do we serve the law of God with our minds?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?