

What I Do Not Want to Do, I Do!
Romans 7

A. The Struggle. 7:14-15, 18-19

Read Rom. 7:14-15, 18-19 *Can we identify?*

Who is this describing?

One converted or one unconverted?

- Common?
William Cowper
Robert Robinson *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

- Extreme. v.14;23-24
Despairing, failing.

- “Normal”?
Romans 7:4-6!
Paul again: 1 Cor. 4:3-4

B. The Dilemma. 7:17, 20

I am not alone!

C. The Principle. 7:21, 25

_____ *is present in me.*

D. The Great Hope.

Romans 8:3-4

Romans 8:9

Romans 8:11

Amazing Grace is real, available grace.

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. ¹⁷ So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am servicing the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

1COR. 4:3 But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

⁴ For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.