

# Living on your own

Romans 7:14-25

## **Introduction:**

***Is Paul a mature Christian here?***

***What is the flesh theologically?***

Galatians 5:16-17 *Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please*

- Though sin doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ in us, it nevertheless \_\_\_\_\_ in us
- Sin is \_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_.

***How can I understand this practically?***

#1. Living on your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

1st. Don't rely upon your \_\_\_\_\_ to help you live for God on your own

**14-** *For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.*

Rom. 8:8 *and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, ...*

1 Cor 3:1 *And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?*

1 Tim 1:15 - the **Chief of sinners**

**15** *For that which 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 wish to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that it is good. 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.*

2nd. Don't rely on your \_\_\_\_\_ to help you live for God on your own

**18** *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.*

**19** *For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.*

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

3rd. Don't rely on your \_\_\_\_\_ to help you live for God on your own

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

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

Psalm 1:2 *But his delight is in the law of the Lord, **And in His law he meditates day and night.***

**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.*

#2. Living in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

1st. Begin with an honest \_\_\_\_\_

**24a** *Wretched man that I am!*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

James 5:16 *Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*

2nd. Then make a \_\_\_\_\_ call for \_\_\_\_\_

**24b** *Who will set me free from the body of this death?*

3rd. Rely upon \_\_\_\_\_ alone

**25a** *Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

1 Cor. 15:53 *For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rom. 8:22 *For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, **the redemption of our body.***

**25b** *So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.*

***So what practical lessons can we learn?***

**#1 - Admit your \_\_\_\_\_**

**#2 - Be \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian**

**So how can you cope honestly with the struggle?**

**1st - Admit it when you are \_\_\_\_\_**

**2nd - Leave room for \_\_\_\_\_**

**3rd - Admit your true \_\_\_\_\_ to God**

**#3 - Don't depend on \_\_\_\_\_ to live as a Christian but live by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_**

**1st - Examine the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life**

Galatians 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

**2nd - Evaluate the \_\_\_\_\_ that you say**

Ephesians 4:29 *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice*

**3rd - Are you being \_\_\_\_\_ and in ?**

1 Thes5:19-20 *Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances*

**4th - Do you have God's \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_?**

Eph 5:18 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;*

**#4 - Are you a genuine \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Next week read the entire chapter of Romans 8*