

Romans

SERMON SERIES

Romans



HOW DO WE
LIVE THEN?

CHAPTERS 4-8

Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we...

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know...

Romans 7:7-12

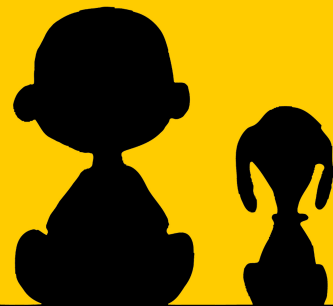
⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

This Week's Sermon:
Wretched Saints
Romans 7:13-25

If I start writing now
When I'm not really rested
It could upset my thinking
Which is no good at all.
I'll get a fresh start tomorrow
And it's not due till Wednesday
So I'll have all of Tuesday
Unless something should happen.
Why does this always happen,
I should be outside playing
Getting fresh air and sunshine,
I work best under pressure,
And there'll be lots of pressure

If I wait till tomorrow
I should start writing now.
But I if I start writing now
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Which is
No good at all.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN,
CHARLIE BROWN



I. Opening Question

Romans 7:13-25

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

I. Opening Question

II. Who is this passage talking about?

Romans 7:13-25

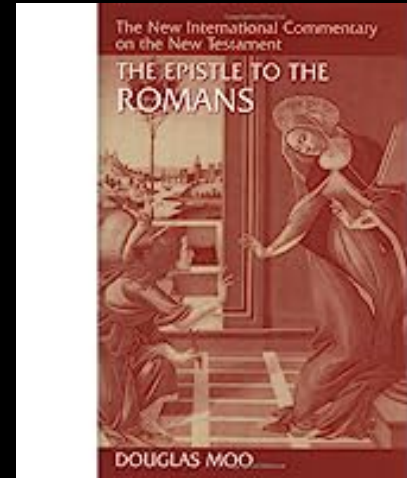
¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

There is a distinction, common throughout evangelical Christianity, that there are three types of people: those who are not Christians; and then two kinds of Christians — spiritual Christians and carnal Christians. This has created quite a bit of confusion and, because of that confusion, we must examine carefully what Paul says, ‘But I am unspiritual (carnal, KJV), sold as a slave to sin.’ Remember that the apostle is writing after his conversion and yet he is using the present tense. So if we ever have any absolute authority to call someone a carnal Christian it would have to be the apostle Paul, because he declares under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that he is (in the present tense) carnal.

Sproul, R. C. (1994). *The Gospel of God: An Exposition of Romans* (p. 124).

Our conclusion, already indicated in the exegesis of 7:7–12, is that vv. 14–25 describe the situation of an unregenerate person. Specifically, I think that Paul is looking back, from his Christian understanding, to the situation of himself, and other Jews like him, living under the law of Moses.

Moo, D. J. (2018). *The Letter to the Romans*. (N. B. Stonehouse, F. F. Bruce, G. D. Fee, & J. B. Green, Eds.) (Second Edition, p. 471). Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.



St. Augustine changed his mind. He started out believing that the man described in Romans 7:14-25 was Paul prior to his conversion, However, by the time he had become an old man, he had changed his mind and taken the position that Romans 7:14-25 was instead, a description of a Christian Apostle Paul.



I. Opening Question

II. Who is this passage talking about?

III. Let this passage speak to your heart

Romans 7:13-25

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Romans 7:13-25

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

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

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Noel Jessie Heikkinen, *Wretched Saints*, Pg. 26.



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John 8:44-45

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

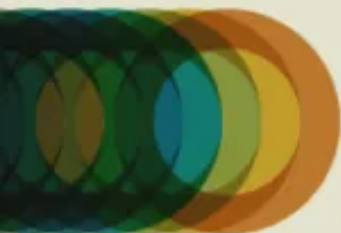


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**YOU ARE WRETCHED.
YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL.
YOU ARE LOVED.**



WRETCHED
SAINTS

I. Opening Question

II. Who is this passage talking about?

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IV. Thank you for the Lord!

Romans 7:13-25

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

1. You and God are completely, 100 percent at peace with God (Rom 5:1; Col 1:20)
2. You are not condemned no matter what you do (Jn 3:18; 5:24, Rom 8:1, Col 2:13-15, Titus 3:5)
3. You are a beloved child of God (Rom 8:15, 2 Cor 6:18, Gal 3:26, 1 Jn 3:2)
4. You are perfect through Jesus (Rom 3:22, 2 Cor 5:21, Phi 3:9, Heb 10:14)
5. You are a gift God the Father gave Jesus (Jn 17:6)
6. You are a gift God the Father will one day give himself (Eph 1:18)

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- V. Let's fight sin together!**

Matthew 16:13-18

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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