

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 9: Romans 7:13-25

Introduction

Much of Scripture cannot be understood without recognizing the truth of this chapter, that we have with us the sinful flesh (the old man, the carnal nature) and at the same time we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. We are sinner and saint at the same time and will be until we are translated to glory. By reason of the sinful flesh the Christian must hear the Law, and also must hear the Gospel and rejoice in it.

I. Romans 7:13-25, "Battle of the Sinner and Saint"

1. The two "I's" are "my flesh" (7:18) and the "inward man" (7:22). Identify which is which in:

v. 14

v. 15

v. 16

v. 17

v. 18

v. 19

v. 20

v. 21

v. 22

v. 23

v. 25

2. Identify the two more fully. Read Galatians 5:16-26 and 2 Cor 5:17

3. Because of this battle with the sinful flesh, to what does the Law lead the Christian? 7:24

4. What is to be the Christian's immediate response? 7:25

5. What is the Gospel response to every contrite sinner? (8:1)

6. How is this struggle of sin not a past event, but a present reality?

7. How then too is the Gospel not just a past event, but a present reality?

Extra question: What are the meanings of "law" at work in 7:22-23?

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 7:19 "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing."

Romans 7:22-24 "For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 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. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"