

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 7:13-20

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Am I Me?” - Part 2

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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Romans 7:13-20

Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

Am I Me?

1.) When it comes to the Law of God vs. 13

1a.) Let God's Law be Your Judge vs. 13a

1b.) Let God's Love be Your Assurance vs. 13b

1c.) Let God's Light be Your Guide vs. 13c

Am I Me?

2.) When it comes to the Reality of Salvation vs. 14-16

When It Comes To The Reality Of Salvation

Am I Me?

2a.) Know The Deception of Sin

vs. 14

Romans 7:14

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

Like a Lightning Strike,
Paul announces the “Internal Obvious” (The Mirror & Light of God Exposes)
Revealing whether or not you possess an Authentic Faith.

Carnal

grk: Sar'ki'kos / Sarkos

pertaining to the flesh, the material things of man, the animalistic desires of the base human existence passed on by Adam's fall.

(S.T.D.) – S.I.N. is a Spiritually Transmitted Disease – THE LIGHT OF THE LAW MIGNIFIES THAT AND THEN THE MIRROR OF THE LAW SHOWS ME.

Every Christian is Constantly Under the Bombardment of Temptation to Sin

Galatians 5:24-25

And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Today – In My Life

I've never been closer to Jesus Christ in my 46 years of knowing Him and let me tell you – I've never been more aware of my weakness and my need of His Love and Mercy and Grace – THERE IS A BIG BEAM AS IT WERE UPON ME.

1 John 1:6-2:1

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

When It Comes To The Reality Of Salvation

Am I Me?

2b.) Know The Believer's Frustration

vs. 15

Romans 7:15

For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do,
that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

When It Comes To The Reality Of Salvation

Am I Me?

2c.) Know The Amazing Grace of God

vs. 16

Romans 7:16

If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good.

Truly The Question Must Be Asked, "Am I Me?"

Only a true Christian, a real Child of God can know this Reality.

"I Agree with God and His Word"

Meaning – I am a train wreck without Him

Jeremiah 17:9-10

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? 10 I, the
LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his doings.

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Am I Me?

3.) When it comes to the Identity of the Truth

vs. 17-20

When It Comes To The Identity Of The Truth

Am I Me?

3a.) You are In Him Now

vs. 17

Romans 7:17

But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

How many “You’s” do you See in the verse?

There are at least 2 you’s here.

There is the New You. and there is the Old You.

He is talking about “The You’s ya see!

This is a good time to point something out here.

In the original Greek New Testament language of this Scripture reveals a heavily egocentric focus and is top-heavy with personal pronouns.

“MYSELF” 1 time. “MY” 5 times. “ME” 11 times. And “I” is found 33 times.

While never once mentioning nor finding a reference to the Holy Spirit.

There is the Believers Counterculture that is before us.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

To Tell The Truth Video.

There is the dead you = positionally

Colossians 3:3

Therefore you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

There is the living you = prophetically

Romans 6:11

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is the sometimes dead you = practically

Colossians 3:5a

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires.

When It Comes To The Identity Of The Truth

Am I Me?

3b.) You are At War Now

vs. 18

Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

Paul makes an obvious yet awesome admission here;

“For I KNOW that in me (that is in my flesh) nothing good dwells”

This is The Believer's On-Going Conflict

In this new life of ours we have #1 The Word of God to instruct us and #2 We have the power of The Holy Spirit to guide us.

“For to will is present”

(example “Lord I’m going to do better today” –
But “Lord I can’t do this unless You do it for me”)

Jesus Said

“Truly – the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak

This “For TO WILL is present with me” is proof
of the Holy Spirit’s Guidance system at work

Present grk: parakeimai
to be beside, be near, almost within reach, present

Perform grk: katergazomai
to bring about, to be carried out, to execute, to do it.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 5:16-18

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

But reject profane and old wives' fables and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

When It Comes To The Identity Of The Truth

Am I Me?

3c.) You are The Proof Now

vs. 19

Romans 7:19

For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

You are the proof, the evidence,
That God is at work in - The God-Story Being Written in Your Life!

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Verse 20

20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

I thought that as a believer "Jesus Christ" dwells in me?

That is absolutely true - but not YET IN THE TOTALITY OF US –
THE "ALL" OF ME has not yet fully happened - we are awaiting redemption.

Philippians 3:18-21

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame— who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body.

Sin resides in my physical body and so it attacks my old and new emotions, my old and new thoughts, and my old and new desires.

AM I ME - Living In Two Worlds at the Same Time? YES, I AM
That's why I see the {constant colliding} between the New Me and my desires verses the Old Me and {its} desires – who wins this battle?

This is “The Reckoning” taught in the Bible.

This is “The Doctrine of Sanctification” taught in the Bible.

This is “The Christian Life” as taught in the Bible.

In a sense, we are the “The Living Dead” on this earth.

“We’re Crucified In Christ yet not Resurrected”.

This is “The Newness of Life” that we read about in the New Testament.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; (in the past tense) it is no longer I who live, (speaking in the present) but Christ lives in me; (now) and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith (now and forever. here and there. On earth as it is in heaven) in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

What Paul finds from his own experience is “*I discover*” (here in the present tense both now and on-going) *that there is an awareness of a foreign power seeking to rule over me rather than the Law of God. When I want to do what is good there is an evil present within me.*” What is “present” and “ready” for some purpose or action is both the desire to do what is good (v.18) and to do what is evil (v.21) the argument supporting a lurking presence of evil is true and echoes out of Genesis 4:7 where Cain was told “*If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.*”

Expositions from the Book of Romans

- Dr. J. Petersen

How can you know if you are in fact a true (Follower of Christ)?

The True Follower of Christ is sensitive about grieving the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The True Follower of Christ is concerned about dishonoring God.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

The True Follower of Christ is fearful of becoming useless.

1 Corinthians 9:27

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

The True Follower of Christ is concerned about pleasing God.

Jeremiah 5:25

Your iniquities have turned these things away, And your sins have withheld good from you.

The True Follower of Christ is concerned about losing their joy.

Psalms 51:12-13

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You.

The True Follower of Christ is burdened with growing up.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;

The True Follower of Christ is concerned about being disciplined.

Hebrews 12:7

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

The True Follower of Christ does not want to pollute his spirit.

1 Corinthians 10:21-22

21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

The True Follower of Christ desires to be reverent of the Lord's supper.

1 Corinthians 11:28-30

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

The True Follower of Christ is concerned about finishing well.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

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