

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE—15

“How God Justifies The Ungodly”

“He Saves the Ungodly, BUT . . .”

Romans 7:14-25

Introduction: _____

An overview of the passage shows Paul revealing three truths about himself and SIN that can ONLY be true of a REAL BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN:

1. First, a real born-again Christian has a dislike and distaste to sin (7:15).
2. Secondly, a real born again Christian has a deep-rooted and durable love for God’s law (7:22).
3. Thirdly, a real born again Christian has a strong desire and delight in pleasing God found in holy living (Roans 7:15a).

Now look at the passage:

I. FIRST, NOTICE HOW PAUL EXPOSES THE _____ (Romans 7:14).

- A. First, he classifies the law as _____ (7:14a).
- B. Secondly, identifies the flesh as _____ (7:14b).

So Christians just need to face the facts. Those facts are:

1. First, we cannot _____ sin on our own (7:14c) “. . . *sold under sin.*”
2. Secondly, we dare not _____ our sin nature (7:17b) “. . . *but sin that dwelleth in me.*”

II. SECONDLY, NOTE HOW PAUL EXPRESSES HIS _____ (7:15-20).

- A. First, he expresses his failures as it involves a _____ (5:15-16).
- B. Secondly, he expresses his failures as it includes the _____ (7:17-19).
- C. Thirdly, he expresses his failures as it incorporates a _____ (7:17, 19).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER HOW PAUL EXAMINES HIS _____ (Romans 7:21-23).

- A. First, he identifies a wicked _____ (7:21).
- B. Secondly, he includes a wholly _____ (7:22).
- C. Thirdly, he informs us of a worldly _____ (7:23)

IV. FOURTHLY, LOOK NOW AT HOW PAUL EXPLAINS HIS _____ (Romans 7:24-25).

- A. First, he expresses a _____ (7:24).
- B. Secondly, he exhibits a _____ (7:25).
- C. Thirdly, he exposes a _____ (7:25b).

CONCLUSION: There is no “quick fix” or “formula” one can take in that resolve the BATTLE WITHIN. Paul suggest some:

1. We should _____ our own lack of understanding. In other words, GET REAL!
2. We should _____ our own imperfections! In other words, STAY PUT!
3. We should _____ our true feelings to the Lord. In other words, PRAY ABOUT IT!