

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 FACTS (Romans 7:14).

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

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

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

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

- A. First, he expresses his failures as it involves a contest (5:15-16).

- B. Secondly, he expresses his failures as it includes contestants (7:17-19).
- C. Thirdly, he expresses his failures as it incorporates a conclusion (7:17, 20).

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

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

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

- A. Notice some ways in which Christians try to win the BATTLE WITHIN:
 1. By using some kind of spiritual _____.
 2. By going after a new _____.
 3. By using the “_____” syndrome.
- B. Note how Paul identifies the Deliverer of the WAR WITHIN (7:24).
 1. First, he expresses a _____ (7:24).
 2. Secondly, he exhibits a _____ (7:25).
 3. 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!