

Romans 7:12-18

12-13. "Therefore **the LAW is HOLY**, and the commandment is holy and just and GOOD. 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."

- **Psalm 19:7-13** "The law of the Lord is _____, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is _____, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are _____, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is _____, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is _____, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are _____ and _____ altogether. More to be desired are they than _____, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than _____ and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is Your servant _____, and in keeping them is great reward (a better life here on Earth). Who can understand his _____? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous _____; let them not have dominion over me."
- **Psalm 119:129-130** "Your testimonies are _____; therefore my soul _____ them. The entrance of Your _____ gives light; it gives _____ to the simple."
- **Read Galatians 3:16-25** (Verse 19) "What _____ then does the _____ serve? It was added because of _____ (sins), till the Seed (Christ - see verse 16) should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator." (Verse 21) "Is the _____ then against the promises of God? Certainly not ! For if there had been a _____ given which could have given _____, truly righteousness would have been by the law." (Verse 23) "But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the _____, kept for the _____ which would afterward be revealed (when Christ came)."

Definition: "**Sin, that it might appear SIN, was PRODUCING DEATH**" - DEATH is the OUTCOME, the RESULTS, the NATURAL CONSEQUENCES of SIN. "Producing death" is what SIN DOES - IT PRODUCES DEATH, DESTRUCTION and MISERY in our lives.

- **Romans 5:12** "Therefore, just as through one man _____ entered the world, and _____ through sin, and thus _____ spread to all men, because _____ SINNED."
- **Romans 6:23** "For the wages (results) of _____ is _____, but the _____ of God is _____ life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- **Romans 5:21** "So that as _____ reigned in _____, even so grace might reign through righteousness to _____ _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

14. "For we know that the law is **SPIRITUAL**, but I am **CARNAL, SOLD under sin**."

- **Read I Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:1-3** "But the natural (unsaved) man does not receive (understand) the things of the _____ of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he _____ them, because they are _____ discerned. But he who is _____ judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For 'Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?' But we have the Mind of Christ. And I, brethren, could _____ speak to you as _____ people but as to _____, as to babes in Christ."
- **Romans 8:6-7** "For to be _____ minded is _____, but to be _____ minded is life and peace. Because the _____ mind is enmity (hatred) against God; for it is not subject to the _____ of God, nor indeed can be."

Definition: "CARNAL" - FLESHLY, of the FLESH, or PHYSICAL BODY. Used most often to refer to a person who is NOT CONTROLLED by the Holy Spirit, but is CONTROLLED by his or her PHYSICAL APPETITES and DRIVES.

Definition: "SOLD under SIN" - Paul is using an ILLUSTRATION familiar to the Roman people - that of the SLAVE MARKET. In Romans Chapter 6 he tells us that we were SLAVES OF SIN. How did we end up in the SLAVE MARKET? We were "SOLD" there by our own SIN, and we NEED SOMEONE **TO BUY US**, or **REDEEM US** out of slavery.

- **Ephesians 1:7** "In Him we have _____ through His _____ , the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His _____ ."
- **Colossians 1:14** "In whom we have _____ through His _____ , even the _____ of sins."
- **Acts 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the _____ , over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the _____ of God, which He has _____ with his own _____ ."

Definition: "REDEMPTION" - The act of redeeming, **buying back, freeing from captivity** by paying of a RANSOM. **Jesus PAID, with His blood**, for us to be FEED from the SLAVE MARKET of SIN.

16-17. "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. If, then, I DO what I WILL not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer **I WHO DO IT**, but **SIN THAT DWELLS IN ME.**"

- **Galatians 5:16-17** "I say then: ' Walk in the _____ , and you shall NOT _____ the lust (desires) of the _____. For the flesh _____ against the _____ , and the Spirit _____ the _____ ; and these are contrary (OPPOSITE) to one another, so that you do not _____ the things that you _____ !'"

Definition: "What I HATE, that I DO" - How many times have we said, "**WHY did I do that? That's not what I REALLY wanted to do?**" and the opposite is true: **we DON' T do** the things we would LIKE TO DO, or that we know we SHOULD do. This is the battle between our old SIN NATURE and the NEW NATURE ("new man") in Christ. "**SIN THAT DWELLS IN ME**" is referring to the old sin nature, also called "the FLESH" or the "old man."

- **Ephesians 4:23-24** "And be _____ in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the _____ _____ , which was _____ according to God, in _____ and true _____ ."
- **II Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is _____ _____ , he is a new _____ ; old things are passed away, behold, all things have become new."
- **Colossians 3:10** "And have put on the _____ _____ who is renewed (created) in knowledge _____ to the image of _____ who _____ him."

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."

- **I Corinthians 15:50** "Now this I say, brethren, that _____ and _____ cannot inherit the _____ of _____ ; nor does corruption inherit incorruption."
- **John 3:3-7** "Jesus answered and said to him, ' Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is _____ _____ , he cannot see the _____ of _____ .' Nicodemus said to Him, ' How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be _____ ? Jesus answered, ' Most assuredly I say to you,

unless one is _____ of _____ and the _____ , he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the _____ is _____ , and that which is born of the _____ is _____. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You _____ be _____ again." ''

Definition: "In MY FLESH nothing good dwells" - Our "flesh," or **HUMAN NATURE** is TOTALLY INCAPABLE of DOING ANY GOOD as far as God is concerned. That is why Jesus said **we MUST be BORN AGAIN** !! If you have has ONLY ONE BIRTH (your physical, human birth) you will NEVER be able to DO ANYTHING to please God. You MUST have a spiritual RE-BIRTH by ACCEPTING Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Then, and only then, will you have a SPIRITUAL NATURE that can do God's will as GOD HIMSELF WORKS in and you have a SPIRITUAL in and through you.

- **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, _____ out your _____ salvation with fear and trembling; for it is _____ who _____ in you both to _____ and to _____ for His good pleasure."

Definition: "HOW to PERFORM what is good I DO NOT FIND" - This is the cry of the frustrated person TRYING TO LIVE the CHRISTIAN LIFE in their OWN POWER !! We CANNOT and MUST NOT try to live for God in our own strength, we will only FAIL MISERABLY. It is **GOD who is WORKING IN US**, and it is **by HIS POWER**, through the Holy Spirit living in us, that we can live a pure, righteous and holy life.

- **Ephesians 6:10** "Finally, my brethren, be _____ in the _____ , and in the _____ of _____ **MIGHT (strength)**."
- **Read Isaiah 40:29-31** "He gives _____ to the weary, and to him who lacks _____ He increases _____ ."
- **Colossians 1:10-11** "That you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, full _____ Him, being fruitful in _____ good and increasing in the knowledge of God; _____ with all _____ according to His glorious _____ , for all patience and longsuffering with joy."
- **Ephesians 3:16** "That He would grant (give) you, according to the riches of His glory, to be _____ with _____ through His _____ in the _____ ."