

Sun Morning

POWER OVER THE PLAGUE

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Text: Romans 7:14-25 good & evil struggle

"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." (Romans 7:14-25) carnal man vs spiritual man

INTRODUCTION

- Sin nature (old man) vs spiritual nature (new man)
- Rom 3:23 For all have sinned & fallen short of God's glory
- Christian has dual nature
- Sin is the human curse leading to death

All of mankind suffers under the horrible and fatal plague of sin.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12)

"From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; But wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: They have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." (Isaiah 1:6)

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin," (Galatians 3:22)

1. AN EXASPERATING Dilemma

A. A high Standard

"For we know that the law is spiritual." (Romans 7:14)

"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." (Romans 7:12)

- Remember the Ten Commandments

Gal 5:17 conflict between the Spirit & the flesh of man

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10)

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

B. A human Strategy

The Apostle Paul discovers in verses 14-23 that human willpower is no match for the sin nature that is in us.

born in sin

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5)

Gal 5:19-21 works of the flesh

"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Ephesians 2:3)

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." (Jeremiah 13:23)

"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." (2 Peter 2:22)

C. A hopeless Status

"Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one." (Job 14:4)

"Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?" (Proverbs 20:9)

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

"But we are all as an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; And we all do fade as a leaf; And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." (Isaiah 64:6)

2. AN EXCLUSIVE Deliverance

This plague of sin is universal and brings death to all.

"the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4)

"For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12)

A. An Intensive plea

"Good understanding giveth favour: But the way of transgressors is hard." (Proverbs 13:15)

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." (Isaiah 57:20-21)

B. An Incredible proclamation

The Law of God indicts—but it also instructs.

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:24-26)

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:21)

"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:10)

"He that hath the Son hath life" (1 John 5:12)

C. An Indwelling power - the Holy Spirit

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1)

CONCLUSION

- Rom 8:2 the law of the spirit of life
... has made me free from the law
of sin & death
- Rom 8:9 the Spirit of God dwell (live)
in you

- He does NOT say there will be no accusation - Satan will accuse us.
- He does NOT say we don't deserve punishment - We will tell ourselves that.
- He does NOT say there will be no cross - Life will produce some burdens.
- He DOES say "There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION!"

