

Romans 7:14-25

- Is the Law sin?
- Why are you putting the Law Down?
- Why are you saying that the law is not good enough anymore?
- I'm not saying the law is bad or is sin. I'm trying to make a distinction between the two. I'm trying to help us understand the relationship between them, that way we can accomplish
- Romans 6:12-13 (Read)

- What is that relationship?
- The law exposes sin, convicts of sin... The law teaches us of sin - the schoolmaster...
- Sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slay me...

- Roman 6:14 I find to be a good springboard into the preceding verses [Read]

- Because it gives us three things to set the stage: The Law, the flesh, & sin...

- And before we start, I want us to see that these three things are distinct...
- They are entities...

- The Law is the Mosaic Law. It's something that is tangible and distinct. It is the 1st 5 books of the bible. It is what God had etched in stone ^{up} on Mt. Sinai to give to his people. The Law can be read, studied, followed... It's distinct & tangible.

Like wise, the flesh & sin are also distinct entities in our conversation.

The flesh, to me is a difficult concept to grasp at times.

vs 18 Your flesh is the boundary of all of what you have... Think of yourself as the state of Texas... and the borders of Texas are the borders of your flesh... People can come and live and dwell within the borders of Texas, likewise there are things that ^{are} in the borders of your flesh.

vs 24... The body... The flesh is a distinct body... It's the body that God has made from the dust of the earth.

Does it consist of your arms, legs, blood and heart? I believe it does... I believe your flesh is everything that is in the realm of your epidermis.

- Like a state. A state has a capital, It has a government, It has people. It has laws & roads, It has cities. It has problems and issues too...
- In other words, the flesh, is yes the joints & marrow, the head to the toe,
- But, we are wonderfully & fearfully made..
- There's more that dwells in the flesh than just skin & bones. (Hanson / Sebren)
- Animals... chickens, horses, ducks..
- Humans have that some phenomena...

Romans 8: 5 Rachel...

Mind the things of the flesh...

The flesh has demands, It has wants. It has needs... And we mind from. We do what it says to do. "Mind your mother" that means take heed & do... Mind your mommies... Momms have expectations, Mothers have expectations. Well, the flesh has expectations...

- And to be carnally minded or fleshly minded is to be crossed with the expectations of the flesh... More importantly, for our purposes, **YOUR FLESH...**

So the flesh is not some concept floating around the air that has expectation of you...

The Flesh is You. You're Member. And
You have Expectations. and they're moving...
Other places in the bible speak of the
LUST of the flesh... The wants of the
flesh, the desires, the Covetousness of the
flesh... It's not just your skin & bones...
- That's why I refer to animals... they're
programmed... You're programmed...
- When you study human behavior, you may
very well be studying the flesh...

The Law is a distinct entity...
The Flesh is a distinct entity... and I
think it would behoove us to spend a whole
message on the flesh... There's a lot of
Bible. And it's something rarely
understood... And how can we understand
the precepts that Paul gives us if we
don't understand the different pieces
of the precepts. It's like listen to
someone tell us how to put our shoes on
and not know what a foot is.
- Like when someone speaks Spanish to me... EX

Paul is talking about these 3 things
The Law, the Flesh, & SIN...

And he's teaching us, giving us stuff to use, but we can't use it if we don't understand how it applies to us...

It's like someone giving you a coupon for 75% off your bill... We can say "Oh great 75% off is great!!!" You smile & take it... But you go home with your 75% off coupon and don't know what bill this applies to.

- You wait day after day for the bill so you can apply the coupon...

- You can only get so happy about a coupon until you get to use it...

- So the bill finally comes in... the hospital bill and it's for \$100,000...

- NOW... EX

So the LAW is distinct

The Flesh is distinct

And SIN is distinct... And I want to apologize for not carrying more of this in the past...

- But sin can be seen in different ways...

- Sin can be an action... A transgression.
When someone sins, he violates a law,
He transgresses a law..

- Thou shalt not hear false witness...
You tell a lie, you have committed or have
committed to sinning. You stepped over
the line. You did something or failed to
do something..

- That's Sin the VERB..

- Then there's SIN the noun... Sin is
inwardly corruption.. Sin is a nature.
Sin is distinct...

- I think the best way to see this is like
Jesus sees it...

- They that are whole need not a physician
but they that are SICK...

- I like to look at SIN as a virus... a
distinct entity that is living in you or
should I say causing death inside of you.

- Moses & the serpent:

- The problem was the venom,.... It's a
distinct "thing" inside the body.

- A virus is a distinct little living organism

Or whatever it is that reeks havoc...
that body reacts to it. The immune system
goes haywire trying to isolate & get
rid of that virus....

Allergies are the same thing. You start
sneezing, coughing, and choking because
some THING got through the outer defense
that the body didn't like... Some
little speck of pollen or something came in
and the body's defenses take action.

SIN, Wherein as by one man SIN
spread into the world, and death by
SIN came so death passed upon all
men, for that all have sinned...

SIN is a distinct thing. Is it abstract.
Sure. Can you touch it? Not necessarily.
But it's distinct... Most importantly
distinct from the other 2 distinctions...
the Law & the Flesh...

A the distinction between SIN & the
Law is Rom 7:7-14 is what Paul
covered in these chapters...

Is the Law Sin? Does Law = Sin?
No. They're not equal. They're
distinctly different and the relationship
between them is that of ~~an amplifier~~
~~an amplifier~~ an amplifier and
sound wave. The Law shows sin.
It reveals sin. And more law you
apply, the more sin you will find.
If amplifiers are sin.. You turn the
Law up, the exceeds sinfulness of
sin comes out...

There's a distinction between Law &
Sin...

And Law vs IS inward. Paul is making
a distinction between the flesh &
sin.

(Read vs 15) The Problem.

- Everybody has got this problem...
- And it invades every facet of our life.
- Diet & Exercise Regs get to be the
best example...

- Everybody wants to be skinny + healthy
- Who doesn't?
- I want to eat right... I want to lose weight... But it never seems to happen...
- For what I would, that do I not;

I would eat salads, but I don't,
I would drink more water, but I don't
I would get some exercise, but I don't

I know what I should do, and I want to, but I don't...

Instead, what I hate, that do I...

I know I shouldn't eat pizza, but I do.
I know I shouldn't drink coffee, but I do.
I know I shouldn't eat tortillas, but I do.
I know I shouldn't get 2nd s, but I do.

I know the things that are making me fat
and the things that make me unhealthy, I
know I shouldn't do them, I don't want
to do them. I water up every morning
saying that yet gonna do them, but
then, when it comes to it, I do them!

Can any of you relate to what Lin tells you.
Say Amen!!

- So it is with SIN,
vs 19 Road...

We want to do right, we want to do good,
but more often than not, when it comes
to it, we fail.

We want to be kind one toward another,
tender.-----

But when it comes to it and someone crosses us,
Berk Berk Pork!!!

I won't get into every example, but it's true.

We want to do good. We want to be
better Dads, Chunks,-----

- When we try the hardest, we fail the biggest
- We can't do what we know is good + right
to do.

- And we end up doing that which we know
is wrong.-----

- And I think most times. It's
the same thing in and of itself.

- When you don't do what you know is right
to do, in doing so, you are doing that
which you know is wrong to do.-----

In other words, It usually comes in the form of choices -- ~~The fork in the road~~ --

A FORK

~~It is~~ If you choose to go down one path, you are in essence choosing to not go down the other. If you choose not to go down one path, you are in truth choosing to go down the other....

You can't do one without doing the other --
You cannot fail in doing the things you know are right without ~~doing~~ doing the things you know to be wrong --

By you talk about absolute failure
That's what we are...

Paul says this vs 16-17 (Revel)
Huh?

Go back vs 13... Was there that which
is good made death into me? (The Law)
God forbid. But SIN.....

It's not the Law that's bad, it's SIN...

When he gets to vs 16. I believe he's
saying, if I do that which in my

mind I don't want to do, then I
am agreeing with the Law.
I consent that the Law is good. I'm
want what the Law wants....

So I do contrary, it's not I that
does it, but sin that dwelleth in
me..

Now, Paul is ^{basically} saying... It wasn't me!
Can't deny it.....

However, we have to understand that Paul
in no way absolves us from responsibility...
And Paul is not saying that...

Let me give you an illustration...

- Eddie and the 7th Rule...

~~is~~ the whole situation...

- Who ultimately is held responsible...

#1 Rule of Leadership = It's always your fault.

- Guess who has to go the the jobsite
one week with the customer then explain to
discuss the messed up rack. (EMBARRASSED)

- Guess who has to explain to the boss

→ why we're making an entire company over
again?

- You see Eddie doesn't have to pay for the medicine to make it over. Eddie doesn't have to pay ~~the money~~ to get Paul King to STA & Beckham & the Hospital to do Angie King again...

- Eddie is a distinct entity dwelling in the shop that did the transgressing but ultimately not have to pay for it...

~~It's not Eddie that ^{the rule} ~~is~~ but Eddie that ~~is~~~~

- It is someone ^{the SHOP that caused} ~~that~~ ^{to} ~~increase~~ up the rack, but Eddie that ~~is~~ works in the shop.

- But does that mean the Shop is not responsible for the mess up...? No.

- And Paul is not transgressing responsibility. He's revealing responsibility. He's getting down to the middle ground so to speak and isolating the problem...

- He's making a distinction between SIN and the flesh in order to isolate the problem & deal with it...

Let's go back to our example --

- ~~How~~ We're gonna single out Eddie not to throw stones and perform lashes, but we're gonna try to figure out how did we get this wrong... Why wasn't it written down? Why wasn't it checked... How did everybody miss this and let it go so far before it was found... Then we're going to change our operation to ensure this doesn't happen again...

- The same spirit in which Paul is single out sin from the flesh --
- Paul is trying to help us.
- So in essence, I think we can ask the same questions that Paul asks about the Law about the Flesh.

- Is the Law Sin? Does LAW = SIN. No.
- Is the Flesh Sin? Does FLESH = SIN. No.

The Problem is there's something in the flesh that's causing problems...

Red VS 18: a →

The Flesh is what God created in Adam.
From the dust of the ground and breathed
into it, the ~~Breath~~ ^{Breath} of Life...

- But sin entered into the world...
- Something distinct had entered into something
distinct, the flesh...
- = Sin is inwardly (living inside) corruption.

So vs 16-17 Does not absolve us from
responsibility, but rather reveals to
us where the problem is coming from...

- (That all flesh is sin next verse, that flesh is just doing what it's made to do. It's the sin.)
- Water in the gas...
 - It's not the car's fault it's messed up...
 - It's the water in the gas ⁱⁿ but the car _{car} suffers the consequences.

Vs 16-17 is not a ^BRESOLUTION of responsibility
or consequence, but rather a revelation
of the problem...

VS 18. For the will is present with me; but
how to perform that which is good I find
not...

"Where there's a will, there's a way..."

This is so true in everything but spiritual matters
& Morality...

- "ADVICE"; This is fleshly, carnal
advice

- Does it work? Yes. Do I recommend it
Yes

- Do I believe it? Yes.

- If you want to be successful at anything
you must have the will to see it through.

- It's very animistic. The strong survive.

- Motivational speaker & books are
usually along these lines...

- TRY TRY TRY &...

- But Paul says that doesn't work with
SIN. I have the will. I try & try & try
to do good... But I can't do it...
I can't find a way... -

- There's a will, but ~~there's~~ 'No way' ^{I can't find a way}

The Law is good. I delight in the Law of God.
I love the law of god

I consent that it's good. I agree with it.

The Law of God is in my mind, I think
about it all day long.

I want to do right by the law of God...

But everywhere I want to do good
Evil is present. ---

It's sin. Sin is there. Sin is dwelling
in me.

vs 23 Read

But what makes me a wretched man.
Because it doesn't matter how much I want to
do good and know to do good, the
sin inside of me comes out brings
me into captivity. ---

When I hear that word or read that
word captivity..... I remember the
verse, "Where the Spirit of God is, there's
liberty."

Luke 4:18 A bruised slave / Ankle broken

Repeat

- Who shall deliver me from this captivity ---

Jesus said I came to set at liberty
them that are bruised ---

- That's a picture of a beaten slave ---
someone who is in captivity and beat
up by SIN ---

vs 25 I thank God through Jesus
Christ our LORD ---

Jesus said (John 14:16)

"I will give you another Comforter, that
he may abide with you forever ---

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the
world cannot receive, because it seeth
him not, neither knoweth him, but
ye know him; for he dwelleth with
you, and shall be in you.

Where the Spirit of God is, there is Liberty

(8:11) We're all made of the same
stuff. We're all flesh. And the
Bible says that all flesh is as grass
and all the glory of man as the flower of
grass. The grass withereth, and the
flower thereof falleth away!

- We are all flesh and all flesh is corrupt and sin dwells in our members...
- Did it bring all flesh into captivity and work death in all men...
- It's inside of every man...

- But if you've put your faith in Jesus Christ, he's given you something else that you didn't have before...

Something else, like the flesh, that has expectations, desires, wants of us and that's the Spirit of God.

If you're saved, there is something else inside of you that has a different plan for you than the flesh... Something else in you that wants what is contrary to the ~~Amigo of~~ the Flesh...

Before you were saved all you had was your mind wanting to do right, wanting to do good.

But now, you don't ^{There on your side} just have someone in you that wants you to do good, but someone that can do it...

- You see the contract

- It's still not you that does it

- Before, it was sin that did it and not you...

- Now, It's the God in you that does it and not you...

- And like I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me...

- Before, it didn't matter how much you wanted to do it, you didn't have anything inside that could do it...

- But Now YOU DO!

Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure...

Sin fulfills ^{IN US} the desires of the flesh,
The Spirit ^{IN US} fulfills the desires of God

CAUSES US

vs. 17 It's not me I that
do it, but sin that

- Paul isolated sin from the flesh to identify the problem
- In order for to isolate Spirit from the flesh to solve that problem

- It was never about capability
- It's still not about capability

- Sin was the problem, not you
- Likewise, the Holy Spirit is the solution, not you
- So clearly not the Holy Spirit
- Grow not the Holy Spirit
- Walk after the Spirit

- What does that mean then?

- Plans for me to know, and you to find out!!!
- Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling
- In other words, I've given you the knowledge it's up to you to go ^{use that} ~~realize~~

When you sinned it wasn't you that did it, but you were going to reap the consequences of it.

Likewise, when you do good, it's not you that does it, but you'll reap the benefits of it.

If there's any good that I do it's not I but the Spirit of God that dwells in me.

I will leave you with one thing --

- I want to go back to my example of
Eddie and nessed up the Rack...

- The Problem could be traced to one
specific entity, sin...

- So will the solution... God has get the
answer. We doubt. But god
has the answer...

- I matter not what your need is, or your
problem, or your trial, God has get
a solution. God has get answer...

{ Seek & ye shall find
{ Ask & ye shall receive
{ Knock & your door shall be opened unto you...

He's got the answer, That's why ^{we put all our} ~~we~~ hope in
him.

My hope is built on -----
I dare not trust -----