

## Romans 7:14-25

For we know that the law is spiritual,  
but I am of the flesh, sold under  
sin. For I do not understand my own  
actions. For I do not do what I want,  
but I do the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want, I agree  
with the law, that it is good. So now it  
is no longer I who do it, but sin that  
dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

For I do not do the good I want, but the  
evil I do not want is what I keep on  
doing. Now if I do what I do not  
want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin  
that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will  
deliver me from this body of  
death? Thanks be to God through Jesus  
Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve  
the law of God with my mind, but with  
my flesh I serve the law of sin.

- “...I do the very thing I hate...” 7:15
- “...it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells in me...” 7:17
- “...For I have the desire to do what is right but not the ability to carry it out.” 7:18
- “...I do not do the good I want...” 7:19
- “...making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members...” 7:23
- “...with the flesh I serve the law of sin...” 7:25

- “For I have the desire to do what is right” v.18
- “I want to do right” v.21
- “I delight in the law of God, in my inner being”
- “I see in my members another law”



MacArthur: “The focus in chapter 6 is on the believer as a new creation...The focus in chapter 7 is on the conflict a believer continues to have with sin”

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## Romans 8:12-14

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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