

Romans 7:14-25; *So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 18 And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Warren Wiersbe; "Instead of being a dynamo that gives us power to overcome, the Law is a magnet that draws out of us all kinds of sin and corruption."

I. The _____

Mark 14:38; *For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*"

C.S. Lewis; "No man knows how bad he is until he has tried to be good."

II. God's _____

John 8:32; *...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

James Allen; "The aphorism, 'As a man thinks in his heart, so is he,' not only embraces the whole of a man's being but is so comprehensive as to reach out to every condition and circumstance of his life. A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts."

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV; *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*

2 Thessalonians 2:12; *...they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.*

III. THE _____

A. _____ the root of my problem

1 John 1:8; *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.*

To stop _____ myself, I must first stop _____ myself.

John 8:34; *Jesus replied; "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin.*

B. _____ that Christ can change me.

Romans 8:2 (PHILLIPS) *No condemnation now hangs over the head of those who are "in" Jesus Christ. For the new spiritual principle of life "in" **Christ lifts me out** of the old vicious circle of sin and death.*

John 14:6; *I am the Truth."*

C. _____ all I am to Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17; *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

Romans 8:11; *The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.*