

ROMANS - The Gospel Of God

Martin Luther called this book "daily bread for the soul". His study of Romans and Galatians became the spark that birthed the Reformation. Calvin wrote that whoever gained knowledge from Romans, had opened to them "all the most hidden treasures of Scripture." Paul's treatise letter to the Romans offers a penetrating look at God's covenant love, the provision of a righteousness from heaven, that becomes ours by grace alone, thru faith alone, in Christ alone.

Dig into this letter, filled Spirit-given reflections on the power of God to rescue fallen humanity from sin, and the resulting life in the Spirit that empowers us to live a life of service & obedience before the Lord...

THE WAR WITHIN

Text: Romans 7:14-25

Big Idea: THE BATTLE IS REAL

1) THE GAP BETWEEN BEHAVIOR & BELIEF

The Law Represents God's Goodness

It Reveals That At The Core, We're Not Good

We Do The Opposite Of What We Want To Do

We Lack Power To Do What's Right

Because Sin Still Lives In Us

2) THE NEVER-ENDING BATTLE

Sin Wars Against Us From Within

Our Minds Become The Key Battlegrounds

We Become POWs, Doing Forced Labor

3) THE ANGUISHED CRY FOR HELP

I'm A Mess, Who Can Save Me?

Thank God For Jesus!

TAKE AWAY/NEXT STEPS

ROMANS 7:14-25 → NEXT STEPS...

Dig deeper into the teachings of Romans, to grow deeper in the grace & knowledge of Jesus Christ...

How does sin's weaponizing of the law (7:13), end up revealing the spiritual goodness of God's law? Dig into Romans 7:14-16, James 1:21-22 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Read through Romans 7:15-20 again, and then set Galatians 5:16-18 alongside it. What fresh insights does this give you, on the nature of the war within?

How does sin make us a POW of sin (7:23), and how does Christ free us from that law, to live life by the Spirit. See Romans 8:1-2; Galatians 2:19-20; 1 Peter 2:11-12.

Living Out Our Faith

Ponder your response to these questions, to keep growing in the obedience that comes from faith...

As you read Paul's candid confession in 7:14-25, how does that help you to be real & transparent with others in the church family?

If your life were a football game, how's it going? What quarter are you in? Are you on the defensive or the offense? Where do you need help? What difference does it make when Jesus is on the field with you?

When have you experienced Jesus rescuing you from a sinful pattern that you could not overcome? How did that play out? How might Jesus be wanting to rescue you now?