

“His Grace Reaches Me”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES.

SERMON NOTES

Romans 7:14-21

I. The Greatest Struggle of All, (Romans 7:6-25)

A. A New Relationship with God, (vs. 6-11)

1. (v. 6), “Now we have been released from the law, having died to that which we were bound”

2. (v. 7), “What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary”
 - a. The law from which we have been released is the one that says, “You shall not covet.”

Galatians 2:16

- b. (v. 8), “But sin, taking advantage through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind”

Romans 7:9

Romans 6:23

- c. (vs. 10-11), “...and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me”

B. The Cause of the Struggle Between the Flesh & the Mind (vs. 12-20)

1. Paul doesn't blame God for his situation, (vs. 12-13), “The law is holy; and the commandment”
 - a. When sin dresses in clothes of righteousness to destroy us – it is *utterly sinful!*

Matthew 6:3, 5, 16

- b. (v. 14), “For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into the bondage to sin.”

2. The Struggle, (**vs. 15-16**), *“For that which I am doing, I do not understand”*
 - a. Any violation of God’s law is sin

1 John 3:4

3. From **vs. 15-25**, Paul has been talking about you & me – us!

4. What does this experience teach Paul/us, (**vs. 17-20**)
 - a. Paul’s mind says, ‘God’s word is good.’ But his flesh says”

5. Like all of us, Paul recognizes that there are two forces at work in our lives. (**vs. 21-23**)
 - a. Paul sees two forces at war inside of him . . .

2 Peter 1:4

Ephesians 3:16

6. Even with all Paul’s abilities, he is frustrated by his lack of victory over the power of sin. (**v. 24**)

7. (**v. 25**), *“But thanks be to God through Christ Jesus our Lord!”*

Ephesians 2:8-9

John 14:15

CONCLUSION.: (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

Acts 22:16

Hebrews 10:10

Romans 5:9