

THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE

Exposition of Romans, XXV

Romans 7:13-25

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I. GOD IS COMMITTED TO YOUR LIFE NOW!

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. ROMANS 7:13

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ROMANS 5:10

II. GOD KNOWS THAT WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE

A. The Chains that bind us:

Temptations

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 JOHN 2:16

Sinful patterns

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. EPHESIANS 4:22-24

Idols

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. MATTHEW 6:21

Lack of Faith

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live.

DEUTERONOMY 30:19

“For you to say, ‘I am no saint,’ is acceptable by human standards of pride, but it is unconscious blasphemy against God. You defy God to make you a saint? As if to say, ‘I am too weak and hopeless and outside the reach of the atonement by the cross of Christ.’ Why aren’t you a saint? It is either that you do not want to be a saint or that you do not believe that God can make you into one.”

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B. Counterfeit Solutions

C. Why do we continue to live in the struggle and never make progress?

- 1. We aren’t Christians*
- 2. We don’t call on Christ who frees us*
- 3. We chose to stay in prison*
- 4. We don’t realize how good we can be in Christ*
- 5. We let other things keep us in prison*

D. God’s Plan

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. ISAIAH 61:1

III. JESUS IS GOD’S ANSWER TO OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE POWER OF SIN IN OUR LIVES