



# 2 WALKAWAYS



- You are <u>NOT alone</u> or as singular as you might think in struggling in the Christian walk. The Apostle Paul battled too. Your in good company.
- 2. There is <u>hope</u> in the midst of our struggles. Future hope, but even encouragement for the daily battle.

## **OUTLINE**

1. Confusion

2. Confirmation v. 16

3. Separation v. 17-18

4. Intrusion v. 21-22

v. 15

5. Exasperation v. 24

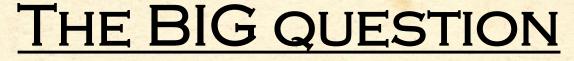
6. Jubilation v. 25



## ROMANS 7:14-25

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- 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.
- 16 But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.
- 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.
- 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.
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- 21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.
- 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,
- 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?
- 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.







- ❖ Is Paul describing himself BEFORE he was saved or AFTER he's saved?
- Is Paul describing the Christian walk or the Pre-Christian life?

## DESCRIBING THE BELIEVER, CHAPTER 6 TELLS US

Romans 6:2 "How shall we who died to sin still live in it?"

Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that your old self was crucified with Him, in order that our <u>body of sin</u> might be <u>done away</u> with, so that we would <u>no longer</u> be <u>slaves</u> to sin"

Romans 6:7 "Freed from sin"

Romans 6:11 "Consider yourselves dead to sin"

#### Our text seems to imply "unsaved"

Romans 7:14 "I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin"

Romans 7:17 "So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me."

Romans 7:23 Talks about us as being "A prisoner of the law of sin."

## BUT

Even in Chapter 6, Paul suggests that there will <u>STILL</u> be a battle with sin.

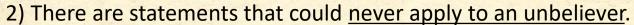


- ✓ Romans 6:12 "do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts."
- ✓ Romans 6:13 "and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead.

## 4 REASONS

#### THIS IS A BELIEVER

- 1) There is a change in tense of the verbs.
  - a) Romans 7:7-13—Past Tense.
  - b) Romans 7:14-25—Present Tense.



a) vv. 19, 21

Paul wants to do good and hates sin

b) v. 22

Paul says he loves the Word of God

c) v. 25b

Gives thanks to Jesus?

- 3) It doesn't describe how Paul saw himself before Christ
  - a) Phil. 1:3-6
  - b) Gal 1:14
- 4) It is only <u>AFTER</u> Christ that Paul saw himself as a sinner.
  - a) 1 Tim. 1:15 "Jesus Christ came to save sinners...I am foremost of all"
  - b) 1 Cor 15:9 "I am the least of the Apostles and not worthy to be called..."
  - c) Eph 3:8 "The very <u>least</u> of ALL the saints"







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#### 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

"But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of <u>body</u> do they come?" You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.



All <u>flesh</u> [physical] is not the same flesh, but there is <u>one flesh of men</u>, and another flesh of <u>beasts</u>, and another flesh of <u>birds</u>, and another of <u>fish</u>. There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the <u>sun</u>, and another glory of the <u>moon</u>, and another glory of the <u>stars</u>; for star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a <u>perishable</u> body, it is raised an <u>imperishable</u> body; it is sown in <u>dishonor</u>, it is raised in glory; it is sown in <u>weakness</u>, it is raised in <u>power</u>; it is sown a <u>natural body</u>, it is raised a <u>spiritual body</u>. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."



## 2 Corinthians 4:16

"Though the <u>outer man</u> is decaying, yet our <u>inner man</u> is being renewed day by day

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## FIGHT!



"Therefore I <u>run</u> in such a way, as not without aim; I <u>box</u> [Fight with the fists] in such a way, as not beating the air; but I <u>discipline</u> [to strike under the eye] my body and make <u>it</u> my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."

1 Cor. 9:26-27

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# PRACTICAL QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF IN THE BATTLE



- 1) Is this the <u>flesh</u> or is this the <u>Spirit</u>?
- 2) Is this the inner me or the outer me?
- 3) Is this the part of me that <u>delights in the Lord</u> or is this the part of me that <u>delights in sin</u>?

Start recognizing the two parties at war with each other.