

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, August 9th & 26th @ 11am
- Women's Ministry Movie Night - Sunday, August 16th @ 8pm
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th @ 10am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5th @ 7pm
- Women's Ministry CREATE 2019 - Thursday, September 7th
- Forensic Faith Conference - Sunday, October 19th @ 9am

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Lord I Need You" - Christy Nockels, Daniel
Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill,
Matt Maher

"Everlasting God" - Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

"O Come to the Altar" - Christopher Brown,
Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

"Cornerstone" - William Batchelder Bradbury,
Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote,
Jonas Myrin

"Man of Sorrows" - Philip Paul Bliss, Roger
Jones

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,033,020.00

Giving Last Week.....\$15,266.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$993,285.00

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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Romans 7:14-25

What does the believer experience when not living out their union with Jesus?

Cycle #1 - "I am sold under the dominance of sin" (14-17).

1. Paul states the nature of this dominance.

Rom. 7:14 *For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.*

2. He demonstrates the validity of his claim.

Rom. 7:15 *For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.*

3. He draws a conclusion about what's going on in his life.

Rom. 7:17 *So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*



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Cycle #2 – “I have no internal resources to truly change” (18-20).

1. Paul states the total absence of resources to change.

Rom. 7:18a *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.*

2. He demonstrates the validity of his claim.

Rom. 7:18b *For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*

3. He draws a conclusion about what’s going on in his life.

Rom. 7:20 *Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

Cycle #3 – “I have discovered an unsolvable internal dilemma” (21-25).

1. Paul states the underlying principle of his dilemma.

Rom. 7:21 *So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.*

2. He demonstrates how the dilemma works.

Rom. 7:22 *For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.*

3. He draws a conclusion that begins with self-loathing & ends with gratitude.

Rom. 7:24 *Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*

The Point:

“Nobody should want to live this way. Or settle to live this way. That’s not the point. The point is, when you do live this way, this is the Christian response. No lying. No hypocrisy. No posing. No vaunted perfectionism. Lord, deliver us from a church like that - with its pasted smiles, and chipper superficiality, and blindness to our own failures, and consequent quickness to judge others. God give us the honesty and candor and humility of the apostle Paul.” – John Piper

Think through these questions:

Do I love God’s law?

Do I hate my failure?

Do I cry out in dismay over my sinful condition?

Do I look to Christ and his righteousness?

Do I run and cling to the cross?

Do I confess my sin, repent from it, renounce Satan, and set my eyes on Jesus?