

# We Believe- Sinners by nature and choice.

## Sermon Notes

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### Happy Mother's Day

**\*Illustration:** The first time we saw she had it.

**Romans 3:23** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

*When you die, why should God let you spend eternity with him?*

*"I was good enough."*

*"I have lived a good life."*

*"I wasn't that bad, or as bad as him."*

*"I have tried to do whatever God wanted me to do."*

*"Not my fault. The devil made me do it."*

***Do you truly believe that you are a sinner?*** Your future is at stake in answer to that question.

Our statement of Faith says that ***"We believe that we are sinners by nature and choice."***

**Read Romans 7:7-13**

**The purpose of law or rule is to reveal that which is sin. (7)**

- Without the law we would be sinning and dishonoring God without knowing it.
- We would be destroying ourselves ignorantly.

**The very moment a rule or law is spoken our flesh is aroused to break it.**

(8)

- The law creates a tension, an internal war.
- Everything inside of you is now curious as to why not.

**Sin brings death and separation from all that is good. (9)**

- Death in your relationship to your Maker.
- Death to life to all relationships in that unchecked we will innately separate ourselves from each other.

- Death to all that will bring lasting joy in life.
- Final death and separation from God for all of eternity.

***Is the law bringing a curse by its mere existence?*** (10-14)

- No. The law is holy, righteous, and good. (12)
- It is meant to preserve your life. (10)
- We need the law to point out sin and become disgusted by it. (13)
- You cannot feel comfortable in your sin when the law keeps exposing it.

**Read Romans 7:14-23**

**We are guilty by nature.**

- Sin has purchased (“slave”) territory in you, by the nature you have inherited and by the choices you have made. (14)
- There is a desire to want to do and be good, but you don’t have that nature. (18, 21)
- There is a battle for your soul: Your Flesh vs. The Spirit. (23)

**We are guilty by choice.**

- When we know the good we ought to do and don’t do it, we have chosen to sin.
- Disobedience is a choice.
  - Disobeying that which we know by the written law.
  - Disobeying that which we innately know by God’s design of us.

**Romans 5:12** *“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.”*

**Romans 5:19** *“For just through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners...”*

**Help!!! I cannot win this battle. Romans 7:24**

**The death that becomes us due to sin, has been paid for.**

**Romans 5:19** *“For just through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”*

**Romans 6:23** *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

**ABC’s to Faith in Christ Jesus that saves us from death.**

**A**dmit you are a sinner.

**B**elieve that Jesus died and was raised to life.

**C**onfess with your mouth that He is your Lord.