

Romans 7:13 - 25 The Struggle Of The Saint

¹³ Therefore did that which is good become a cause of

did the law make me sin? — death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in No, it is sin

order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the

commandment sin would become utterly sinful) The law exposed sin for what it is .. "exceeding sinful.."

the law is spiritual... "delightful to God" ¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh,

a natural tendency to sin — sold into bondage to sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do

my sin is not Rational — 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

"what I want I don't" "what I don't I want" 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

The only conclusion I (essentially me) am not doing it — 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. ²⁰ But if I

am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer

the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

Eureka... A discovery... evil is present in me" — 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?

²⁵Thanks 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.

The estate of Paul...
"wretched"

'I need help from the outside'
Thanks be to God...

Paul's present state...

Life Group Application Questions

1. How much could you identify with Paul?
2. Was there a time when you discovered "evil is present in me"?