Romans Lesson 13

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INTRODUCTION

- Every person looks at himself in the mirror of God's word and recognizes that we all sin, even as much as we try, we are not perfect.
- Our study today is going to answer the question how can we win the struggle against sin?
- Grace is God's part. Faith is man's part.

1 Who Is the I in This Text?

Romans 5:12; Ezekiel 18:20

- The Bible nowhere talks about an individual as inheriting sin or being born with sin.
- Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. We do not suffer the penalty of spiritual death unless we actually commit sin.
- The soul that sinneth, it shall die.
- Here is, I believe, a regenerated Christian, a believer, who's struggling with sin.

2 The Problem Is Not God's Law

Romans 7:12; Romans 6:16–18; 1 Corinthians 9:27

- The problem is not God's law. For God's law is spiritual.
- The law is holy, the commandment holy and just and good.
- What it teaches us is God's perfect standard. It is the high and holy standard that all of us should aspire to live by.
- But that is a false impression of this whole context.
- I buffet my body and bring it under subjection daily, lest after I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

3 The Law of the Mind and the Law of Sin

2 Corinthians 4:16; Galatians 5:16–17; Ephesians 4:22–24

- There is the flesh that we see, but there is the spirit, the inward, the mind of man. Who is in control? The outward or the inward?
- I delight in the law of God after the inward man, but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind.
- It's talking about that governing principle that's in control.
- Now we must choose which law controls. Which law we're going to serve.
- Walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the law of the flesh.

4 Who Shall Deliver Me?

Romans 7:24–25; Romans 6:3–6; Colossians 3:10

- A Christian is made new when he obeys God.
- When we obey the gospel of Christ, what happens to the sins that we've committed in our former life? They're forgiven.
- We continue to be tempted by sin, but sin doesn't have control. It's not reigning. It's not the king of our life.
- It does matter how we live. It matters what we do.

5 Walk in the Light, Confessing Our Sins

1 John 1:6–9; 1 John 2:1–2; Romans 8:1–4

- If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. And the blood of Jesus Christ, his son cleanseth us from all sin.
- We are not walking perfectly, but our goal is perfectly to walk with Christ.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- We regret when we sin, and we repent when we sin. We confess when we sin.
- There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You can win the struggle against sin. Give your life to Christ, start anew, and then continue to walk in the light, confessing your sin.**

MY NOTES