

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 1, 1990

“The Believers Conflict”
Romans 7:14-25

Introduction - Conflict from the deepest recesses of a person.

1. Who is this passage talking about, the saved or the unsaved?

“...I am flesh, sold into bondage to sin.” “...nothing good dwells in me...” “Wretched man that I am!...” Romans 6 is talking about victory as a believer. How can Romans 7 be talking about the struggle of the believer?

Romans 6:12, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lust.” The struggle of Romans 7 is introduced in Romans 6. This passage is talking about the saved, the believer. Romans 7:22, “For I joyfully concur with the law of God...” Romans 7:25 “...I myself with my mind am serving the law of God...” This is the struggle of the person who wants to do God’s law, to please God. In this passage, is the personal testimony of the Apostle Paul.

Condition

1. I am of flesh ; he is talking about that which is evil, flawed, sold into bondage to sin.

Though we are in Christ we are in the body which is a product of Adam. We are in Christ but the body of sin is in us.

2. Confession

“...I am doing the very thing I do not wish to do...”