

Romans 7:14-25 sermon study questions  
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1. The theme of Romans 1-5 is how Christ through a sinner believing the gospel frees them from the penalty of sin (justification). In chapters 6-8 we learn how it frees them from the power of sin (sanctification). In Chapter 7:1-13, we learn that we have been, through Christ, freed from the law's liabilities. We also learned that God's moral laws are not the cause of our failures, but it is good and holy and reveals, not causes our sin.
2. In 7:14, how does Paul describe the spiritual condition he is in? What does "bondage to sin" indicate about his ability to stop sinning?
3. In 7:15-16 what is causing Paul perplexity? Have you ever felt this way? What effects does this have on you?
4. In 7:17, what does Paul say is the reason he keeps on sinning? Where is the source and ultimate cause of his sin coming from? What does Jesus say about this in Matthew 15:18-19? How does this contrast with the world's view of what causes wrong behavior? Why would it be important for a Christian to correctly understand the true, ultimate source of sin?
5. In 7:18-20, what does he contrast the "I" (that is, his real identity and deepest desire) with? What else is in Him besides the "I" of his desires for God?
6. In 7:21-23, Paul summarizes what he has discovered about himself. What is it?
7. In 7:24 What is Paul's reaction to sin in him constantly defeating him? Have you ever felt that way? Why? What effect can this state of mind have on a Christian?
8. In 7:24, what is Paul longing for? How does this longing differ from a non-believer or false Christian? How is this non-Christian view toward sin evident in Matthew 7:21-23? In Matt. 7:23 what does Jesus imply about the false Christian's view of sin?
9. In 7:25, what is the remedy to the Christian being conquered by sin? What does Jesus say about this in John 15:4-5? What does Paul say about this in Philippians 4:13?
10. What do we learn about this in 2 Corinthians 12:8-10?
11. Jesus said He would give us His peace and love through the Holy Spirit as we depend on Him. If you are in sin, run to the Lord and confess it and rejoice in His faithfulness to forgive you. Begin anew to commune with Him, praise and trust Him. Let His word fill your minds and begin believing it. He always helps His children who believe His word and seek to please Him and trust Him in their struggles. Run from sin and run to Christ when tempted.