

The Body of Death



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Introduction:

In speaking of the power of sin, Paul used an utterly gruesome analogy! Have you ever wondered, "Why?"

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Text: Romans 7:14-25

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

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As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

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**For I do not do the good I want to do,
but the evil I do not want to do – this
I keep on doing.**

**Now if I do what I do not want to do,
it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin
living in me that does it.**

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So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

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What a wretched man I am!

**Who will rescue me from this body
that is subject to death?**

**Thanks be to God, who delivers me
through Jesus Christ our Lord! So
then, I myself in my mind am a slave
to God's law, but in my sinful nature a
slave to the law of sin.**

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Romans 7:24-25

All humans have a **DUAL** nature.

One nature is **SPIRITUAL**, the other is **NATURAL** (or even **ANIMAL**).

When any person is **BORN AGAIN**,

God's Spirit gives birth to internal,

SPIRITUAL life within that person.

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All believers carry the **TREASURE** of
SPIRITUAL life within "vessels of
CLAY (the human body)."

Paul did **NOT** say that it was
IMPOSSIBLE to be delivered from
"this body of death."

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It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to overcome "this
body of death" through

HUMAN MEANS.

EDUCATION can bring

KNOWLEDGE, but not

DELIVERANCE.

WILL-POWER can bring a **FORM** of
OVERCOMING, but not **DELIVERANCE.**

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DELIVERANCE from **SIN** is more than the process of forming new **HABITS**.

Continual **MISERY** can be a habit, but that doesn't mean it is God's **PURPOSE** for your life!

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True **DELIVERANCE** only comes
through a **TRANSFORMATION**
of **DESIRES**.

God's plan for human
TRANSFORMATION relies
upon the power of **LOVE**.

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Only those who have **RECEIVED** God's
LOVE and **FORGIVENESS** can
truly experience **SPIRITUAL** freedom!

Those who seek freedom from **SIN** through a
bondage to the **LAW** will find themselves
chained to a "body of death!"

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Conclusion:

**True freedom is found
in Christ alone!**

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