

Bible Study Through
ROMANS

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BIG Problem!

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BIG Gift!

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NOW you know!

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featured article

“Jurisdiction and Release: Case Study of the Marriage Covenant”

- Rabbi Saul of Tarsus, *Pharisee*
Doctor of Hebraic Law

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Romans 7:14-20

[segue] it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful [hyperbole miss-the-mark]

For we know that the **Law is spiritual**, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin [by Adam]
For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, **I agree with the Law**, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

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. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. 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.

Romans 7:14-20 *commentary*

Complete switch to 1st person-active [from prior Aorist and/or imperfect]

For we know that the Law is spiritual, but ***I am of flesh***

σάρκινος [Paul, present tense/continuing]

sold into bondage to sin [by Adam]

against your choice

For what ***I am doing, I do not understand***

I am not practicing what ***I would like to do***

but ***I am doing*** the very thing ***I hate***

But if ***I do*** the very thing ***I do not want to do***

I agree with the Law ***confessing*** that the Law is good [that action is the proof]

So now, ***I am no longer*** the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me

INTERPRETATION: *On my own, I am incapable of doing good*

QUITE A
TONGUE-
TWISTER

Greek Drill-Down

ὃ γὰρ **κατεργάζομαι** οὐ γινώσκω
for that I am doing I do not understand

οὐ γὰρ ὃ **θέλω** τοῦτο πράσσω
I do not that for would like to do that practice

[maybe in future]

which

[intentionally get to outside that which is coming to bear on the inside: Mining – Dig Well]

ἀλλ' ὃ μισῶ τοῦτο **ποιῶ**
but for I hate that I am doing which

[action that just happens no thought or plan to it, automatic/reactionary]

GREEK PEEK

Intro to 1st Century New Testament Biblical language

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α	alfa	A	ι	ee-ota	Ι	ρ	row	Ρ
β	bay-tah	B	κ	kappa	Κ	σ	sigma	Σ
γ	gamma	Γ	λ	lam-duh	Λ	τ	tau	Τ
δ	delta	Δ	μ	m-you	Μ	υ	oop-silon	Υ
ε	epsilon	Ε	ν	noo	Ν	φ	fee	Φ
ζ	zay-tah	Z	ξ	kuh-see	Ξ	χ	kee	Χ
θ	thay-tah	H	ο	ahmikrahn	Ο	ψ	p-see	Ψ
η	ay-tah	Θ	π	pee	Π	ω	oh-may-ga	Ω

Greek letters used in many places:

α statistical margin of error

β stock risk

δ derivative in calculus

Δ Airlines change Covid-variant

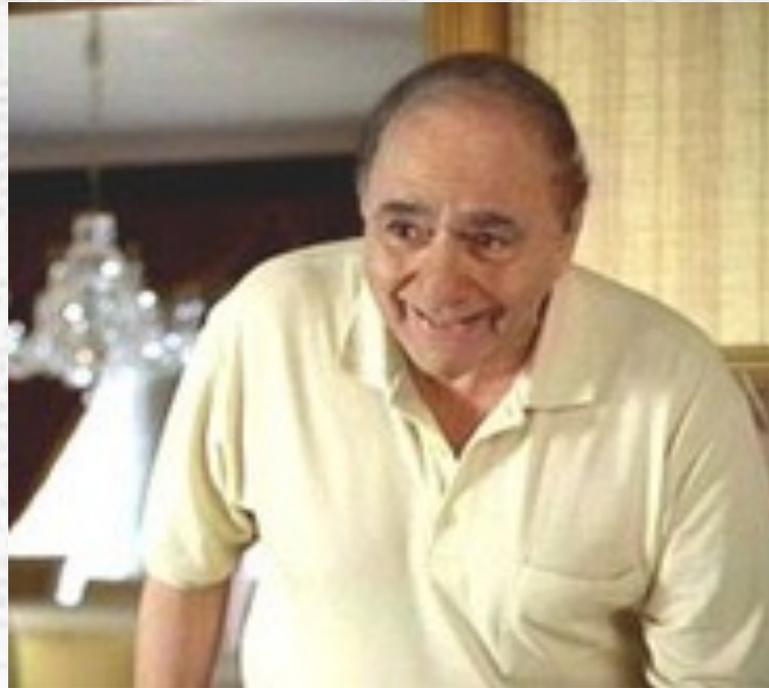
π 3.1415926536

γ deadly rays from sun

ψ Ψ Psychology [psuche]

ι Won't matter even one iota

Φ \mathbb{K} Φ



Notable N.T. words from Romans study

δοῦλος bond-servant

Ῥώμη Rome

κόσμος cosmos [world]

Ἰησοῦς Χριστός κύριος
Jesus Christ Lord

χάρις grace

ὄψώνιον wages

ὀργή wrath [separation]

νόμος Law

Ἀβραάμ Abraham

δικαιόω ἐκ πίστις
justified by faith

ἀγάπη Love

φιλαδελφία brotherly love

δοκιμή proven character

θλίψις [pressed down]

ἐλλογέω credit to personal account

Notable attendees from Romans study

καθι κιθ ροβ λασκεν βιγμαικ λινδα τομ καρολ καρλα
Kathy Keith Rob Laskin Big Mike Linda Tom Carol Carla

δύναμαι ηβολ γονζαλες Ἰάκωβος Παῦλος Τιμόθεος
able Abel Gonzales James Paulos Timotheus

Romans 7:14-20 *commentary*

I agree with the Law *confessing*: **the Law is GOOD**

καλός [truly excellent, noble, beautiful]

Usually “GOOD” is ἀγαθός [upright, of usefulness]

Galatians 5:22 fruit is ἀγαθωσύνη

It's about being sound, assured, logical

Verse-18 For *I know* that **nothing good dwells in me**, that is, **in my flesh**

ἀγαθός

[named daughters Agatha “she is upright”]

Provocative first person singular – Paul places himself in narrative, like personal testimonial

The man who wrote 14 *epistles* [letters] in N.T. – spread Christianity worldwide

HE dealt first-hand with this tension of the “natural” man vs. “spiritual” man

Romans 7:14-20 *commentary*

The **WILLING** is present in me, but the **DOING** of the good *is* not INTERESTING DICHOTOMY

Don't be **HEARERS** of the Word but be **DOERS** also [James 1:22-23] VERY SIMILAR POSITIONING

Not **HEARERS** of Law are just, but be **DOERS** are [Romans 2:13] EXACT SAME

DOERS are all ποιητής what you just DO automatically, INNATE!
DOING is ποιέω

NOT same as πράσσω [“practice” - work at - strive to *get better* at it]

The good that *I want* *I do not do* but *I practice* the very evil that *I do not want*
ἀγαθός θέλω

If *I am doing* very thing I do not want, *I am no longer* the one doing it but sin that *dwells in me*
ποιέω οἰκέω

[“resides” – “cohabits”]

2nd Tim. 1:14 Holy Spirit “resides” – “cohabits”

Greek Recap

DOING [Romans 7:15]

DOERS [James 1:22-23]

DOERS [Romans 2:13]

PRACTICE

I would like to DO

Something typically “good”

unique GOOD

[Paul used this for the Law]

DWELLS

ποιέω

ποιητής

ποιητής

πράσσω

θέλω

ἀγαθός

καλός

οἰκέω

what one DOES automatically, INNATE

those who just DO automatically, INNATE!

working at - striving to *get better* [INTENTION]

potential still to come, maybe in the future

upright, useful, logical

truly excellent, noble, beautiful

“resides” “cohabits”

Romans 7:21-25

I find then the PRINCIPLE that ***evil is present in me***, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, 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.

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks 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.

Romans 7:21-25 *commentary*

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REMINDER [Eph. 6:12]

struggle πάλη literally "wrestle" – 2 distinct parties, victor holds other down – **WINS**

NOT against flesh and blood [people]

It **IS** against:

1. Rulers	ἀρχή	3. World Forces of this Darkness
2. Powers	ἐξουσία	4. Spiritual Forces of Wickedness in heavenly places

RESPONSE [Eph. 6:13-17] *MUST use "spiritual" gear to deal with non-physical/extra-temporal*

JESUS [Colossians 2:15] *"Disarmed Rulers + Powers in PUBLIC display on the cross"*

ἀρχή ἐξουσία

Eph 2:2 formerly walked according to course of this world, according to prince of the Power of the air, the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience

Romans 7:21-25 *commentary*

THE “STRUGGLE” [WRESTLE] is against **POWERS + RULERS**

but do not invoke Flip Wilson – because it’s never “the Devil MADE me do it”

and it’s NEVER God with whom we struggle [wrestle]

JAMES 1:13-16 Let *no one say* when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for **God cannot be tempted by evil**, and **He Himself does not tempt anyone**. But each one is **tempted** when he is carried away and enticed **by his own lust**. Then when: 1] **lust is conceived**, 2] **it gives birth to sin**, and 3] **when sin is accomplished**, 4] **it brings forth death** - **Do not be deceived**, my beloved brethren.

1st JOHN 2:16 For all that is in the world: 1] **the lust of the flesh**, 2] the **lust of the eyes**, and 3] the **boastful pride of life**, **is not from the Father** - but is from the world.

1st CORIN 2:14 A “natural man” does not accept things of the Spirit of God, they are foolishness
ψυχικός
to him and he cannot understand them because they are “spiritually appraised”
πνευματικῶς ἀνακρίνω

Natural Man

SPIRITUAL LIFE IS JUST NOT NATURAL

1st CORIN 2:14 “natural man” does not accept things of Holy Spirit – they are foolishness

ψυχικός

He cannot understand because they are “*spiritually appraised*”

πνευματικῶς ἀνακρίνω

Appraise, investigate, research, assess, examine closely

1st CORIN 2:15 But he who is spiritual *appraises all things*, yet he himself is *appraised by no one*

1st CORIN 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM?

But we have the mind of Christ

ROMANS 11:34 *Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who is His counselor? [who instructs Him?]*

1st CORIN 2:11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man

except the spirit of the man which is in him?

Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God

WARNING!!

WE DO NOT WRESTLE WITH GOD

Christians seeking to wrestle God NOT in the Bible



Genesis 32

WILL YOU WRESTLE WITH GOD TODAY?

Wrestle 'til You Get That Blessing!!

- John Piper

What do you really need from God right now?

What blessing do you have to get from him?

How badly do you want it? Will you go to the mat?

Divine Wrestling with God will change you Forever

- Mike Bickle IHOP

- Kris Vallotton Bethel

- Brian Houston Hillsong-Australia

Encounters: Gateway to the Supernatural

- Rodney Howard-Browne

We Need to Arm-Wrestle God . . . [and Satan]

- Todd White "I've wrestled God, I've won over sin"

Romans 7:21-25 *commentary*

THESE HOWEVER ARE IN THE BIBLE:

2nd Corinth 12:9

My Grace is sufficient for you

1st Corinth 10:13

No temptation comes upon you except that which is common to man and with that, God always provides a way [means] of escape

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of lights in whom there is no variation or shifting shadow

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd – I shall not want for anything

1st Peter 5:10

After you may have suffered a bit, the God of all grace will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

verse-7

Cast all your cares upon Him because He cares for you

Romans 8:28

ALL things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose.

Psalms 46

God is my refuge and strength, a present help in time of need

Romans 7:21-25 *commentary*

I find then the PRINCIPLE that evil *is present* in me
νόμος παράκειμαι [poised right alongside]

the one who *wants to* do good.
θέλω [perhaps in the future]

Wretched man that I am - WHO will set me free from the body of this death?
Ταλαίπωρος ἄνθρωπος [same as Laodicean church in Rev 3:17]

Thanks be to God thru Jesus Christ our Lord
Χάρις [wow, it's a "gift" – remember charisma?]

On the one hand I myself with my **MIND** am **servicing** the law of God,
δουλεύω

but **on the other**, with my flesh the law of sin

REMINDER: OUR SANCTIFICATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL WE EXIT EARTH!!

Romans 7:14-25 *summary*

CONSIDER THIS SEQUENCE:

Verse-17 NOT avoid personal responsibility – IT'S the conflict **NOT new nature, but the OLD**

Verse-18 OLD nature is **"in the flesh"** [Alludes to Jesus - Matt. 26:41 *spirit willing flesh weak*]

Verse-19 All verbs [actions] in **present tense** – it's NOW and on-going

Verse-20 Reiterates v-17 with clarifying: **the source is my OLD nature** [once I'm free of flesh]

Verse-22 Delighting in **Law of the Lord** [2nd Corin 4:16, Eph. 3:16, Psalm 1, 119:16, 24, 47]

John 3:6-9 born of spirit is spirit, born of flesh is flesh [Nicodemus]

*1st John 1:8-9 If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, truth not in us
If we confess our sin, He is faithful-just to forgive and cleanse us*

Verse-23 **PRINCIPLE:** *Sin in continuous military campaign vs. my spirit* [can't DO without Spirit]

Verse-24 **"Wretched"** *ταλαίπωρος same as Laodicea [Rev. 3:17] "ongoing/enduring troubles"*

Verse-25 *Once again, ONLY thru Christ Jesus – even AFTER salvation!!*

*Next Monday
August 30th*

ROMANS

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*The Trinity: Father in Creation
Son in Salvation
Spirit in Sanctification*

Holy Spirit **mentioned 2x** in Romans 1-7
Holy Spirit **mentioned 19x** in Romans 8