

Being transformed to be like Jesus

An ongoing challenge



being transformed

¹⁸ I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

(Romans 7)



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²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6)



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¹⁴ Now we know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ I know that nothing good lives 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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²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God - through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am slave to God's law but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

^{8:1} Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering...

(Romans 7-8)



So what?

1. Ask Jesus to change you.



So what?

1. Ask Jesus to change you.
2. Join in! Press on!

