

Why Do I Still Sin?
The Power of Indwelling Sin and the Gospel Answer
Romans 7:13-20
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The Christian life is not what I thought it would be.

I thought that I would have a home in the suburbs of heaven, by now.

Paul presents his own ongoing struggle with sin in brutally honest terms.

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Who is this text speaking of?

Why are all the heroes of the Bible painted warts and all?

A Normal Christian

How can this passage be speaking of the same person?

Sin is illogical; it is insane.

We fight an ongoing battle with remaining sin.

We are sinner-saints; *simil iustus et peccator*.

One of Satan's devices is to drive us despair over our remaining sins.

Believers must repent for their being discouraged by their sins. Boston

We too often meet our remaining sin with gospel amnesia and culpable unbelief.

We need the gospel when we are bloodied, and bruised. Disappointed and depressed.

The presence of sin is troubling; but the presence of good is a miracle!!

The Christian hates sin, even while he commits sin. Galatians 5:16-17; 1 Peter 2:11

The text really ends with v 24-25, and here is the encouragement:

The agony of Romans 7 and indwelling sin is required for the ecstasy of Romans 8.

Sin lives in me. That thought should drive you to Christ, and not to despair