

Series: Freedom

Message: Free To Struggle, Part 2

Scripture: Romans 7:24-25

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- 1) Christians are dead to sin and alive to God and His Spirit.
- 2) Christians must appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit by considering these truths and surrendering their body and its members to God as instruments of righteousness.
- 3) Until becoming a Christian, every person is married to The Law.
- 4) Though The Law is good, it is a terrible marriage partner, bringing condemnation and death to its spouse.
- 5) Once divorced from an abusive relationship with The Law, one can serve God in a newness of the Spirit.
- 6) The goodness of The Law is seen in that it exposes, provokes and condemns sin.
- 7) You and I have a Hyde within us.
- 8) Our Hyde is much worse than we realize.
- 9) Without The Law as our potion, we will never see the hideousness of Hyde.
- 10) Only after seeing the hideousness of our Hyde will we crave and appreciate the glory of The Gospel.
- 11) Even when we see the hideousness of our Hyde, we will continuously have a lifetime of struggles.

Last Week:

1. Every Christian Lives With An Enemy.
2. Every Christian Shares A Common Struggle.

This Week:

3. Every Christian Has Only One Hope For Deliverance.

Romans 7:24-25

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²⁵ 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

²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

- 1) The Dilemma (vs 24)

Romans 7:24

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2) The Deliverer (vs 25)

Romans 7:25

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Romans 8:1-4

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

1. Admit Your Helplessness
2. Rely on Jesus and His indwelling Spirit
3. Make room in your life for others who struggle
4. Be thankful

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:27-31

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.