

"For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin." Rom. 7:14

Flesh:

- 1. Of the body.
- 2. Our life before we met the Savior.
- 3. The base desires of a life separate from God.

"For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires..." 2 Peter 2:18

4. The natural attainments of man.

"Consider your calling, Not many wise according to the flesh." 1 Cor. 1:26

Matt. 26:41 "...the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

5. The lower and temporary element in the Christian.

"For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption..." Gal. 6:8

"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" Gal. 3:3

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world, for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life is not from the Father but is from the world..." 1 John 2:16

"I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?" 1 Cor. 3:2-3

"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not." Rom. 7:18

The Christian who seriously pursues holiness:

1. BATTLES SIN. Vs. 15, 19-20, 23-24

"For that which 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." vs. 15

"For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me." vs. 19-20

"I am not the man I ought to be,
I am not the man I wish to be,
and I am not the man I hope to be,
but by the grace of God,
I am not the man I used to be."
John Newton

Justification: Rescued from the penalty of sin. Past.

Sanctification: Rescued from the power of sin. Present.

Glorification: Rescued from the presence of sin. Future.

"But I see a different law in the members of by 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?" vs. 23-24

"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these..." Gal. 5:19-21

2. LOVES RIGHTEOUSNESS. Vs. 15, 19, 22

"...for I am not practicing what I would like to do..."
vs. 15

"For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish." vs. 19 "Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy." Eph. 4:22-24 (NLT)

"So stop telling lies..." vs. 25

"And don't sin by letting anger control you." vs. 26

"If you are a thief, quit stealing..." vs. 28

"And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live..." vs. 30

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander..." vs. 31

"For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man." Rom. 7:22

3. TRUSTS IN THE GRACE OF GOD. Vs. 25-8:1

"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. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25 (NKJV)

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:1



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

Rom. 8:2

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law." Gal. 5:16-18

APPLICATION FOR ME:



Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, Thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy Grace Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger Wand'ring from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

On that day when freed from sinning I shall see thy lovely face, Clothed then in blood-washed linen How I'll sing thy boundless grace.



