

Romans

- The series: Part 7 -

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I... For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

– Romans 7:15, 19 KJV

Paul may have written this section to shock and _____

- Take the text seriously even when it isn't _____!
- Like a great _____, Paul wants to maximize the tension before the hero saves the day
- To have a hero, there must be a _____

The original axis of evil? _____ (v. 7-14)

- Sin has reigned since the Fall (chapter 5)
- Law was given to make us aware of sin (v. 7)
- Sin used _____ to condemn us to death (v. 11)
 - Does this make the Law evil? Certainly ___! (v. 7)

So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good – v. 12

How can this be?

- Sin is the cause of the Fall – what _____ us from God
- The Law was introduced to _____ the separation
- Why on earth would God do that?

So that we might become _____ from Him that we would have no alternative but to accept His means of reconciliation!

Verses 9-20 capture the _____ of man's futile struggle with sin, law, condemnation and death.

Paul, the theologian, has given way to Paul _____ depicting his own pain and anguish.

Paul wanted us to experience that pain and confusion – but only for a moment.

Verses 21-23 contain a more succinct summary of Paul's statement.

- God has put _____ in our hearts (v. 21)
- But evil is _____ (v. 21)
- The result is that we are literally _____ with ourselves (v. 23)

Paul leaves us crushed, and completely _____ (v. 24)

How can anyone _____ such a condition? (v. 24)

*Thanks be to God – through _____ our Lord!
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. – 7:25- 8:2*

How can this be?

- Sin was _____ by Jesus
- The Law was _____ and _____ by Jesus
- Death was _____ by Jesus
- We serve a _____ – Jesus
- Sin, law and death do not master those who are
“ _____ ”