



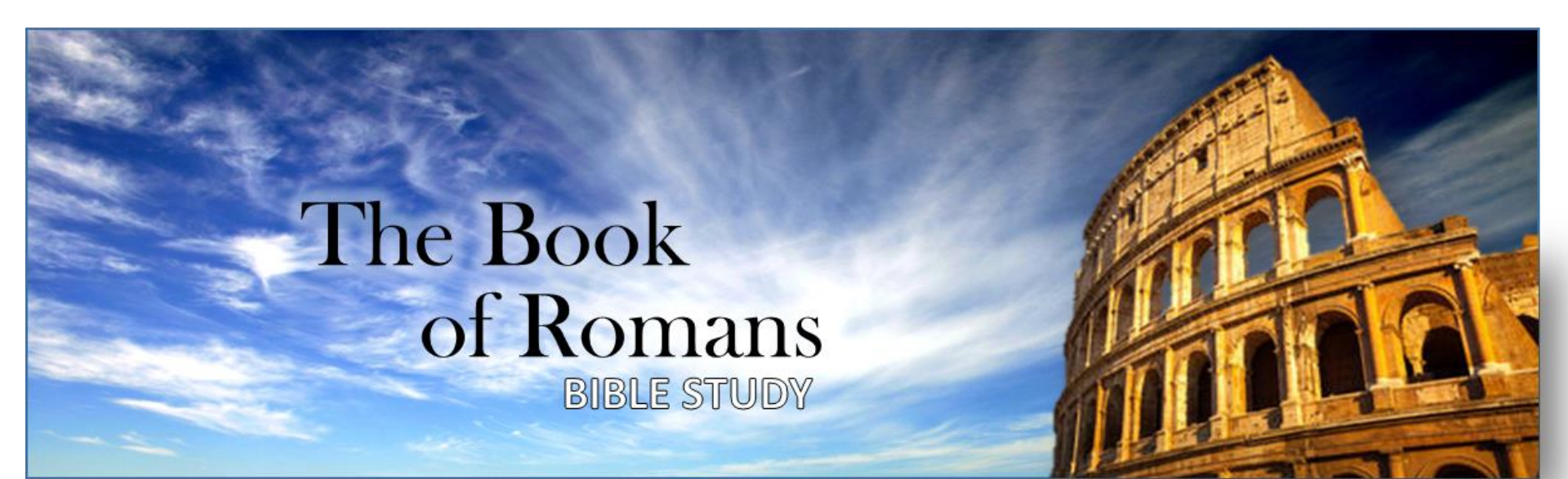
ROMANS

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BIBLE STUDY



Lesson #13: No Condemnation, 7:14 – 8:11



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Outlining Salvation by Faith

1. Salvation by faith, 3:21–5:21

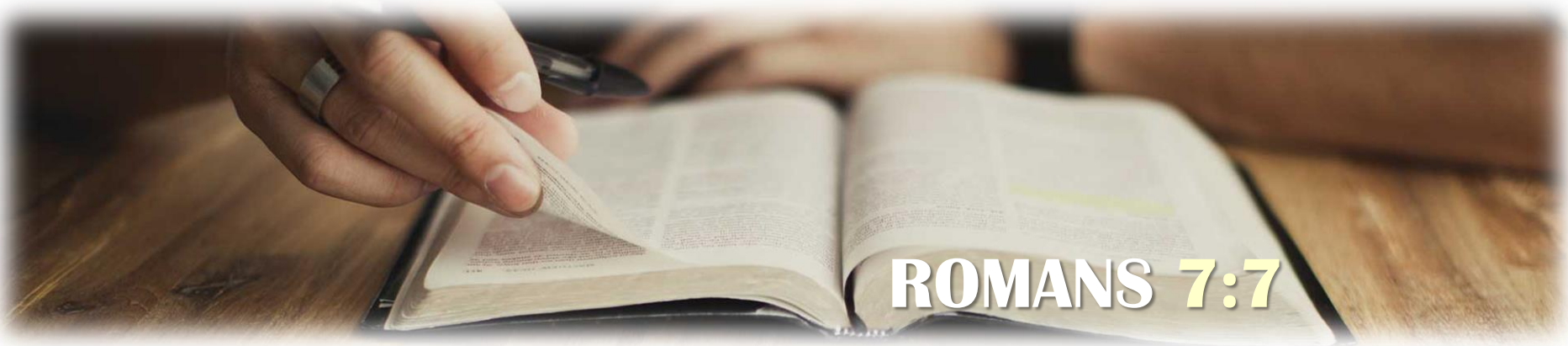
2. Sanctification

- a) Shall we sin so grace may abound? (6:1-14)
- b) Shall we sin because we are under grace? (6:15-7:6)
- c) **Is the law the problem? (7:13-8:11)**

JUSTIFICATION = past

SANCTIFICATION = present

GLORIFICATION = future



ROMANS 7:7

The Next Question: Is the Law sin?

QUESTION:

7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? **May it never be!**

On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would **not have known** about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet."



ANSWER: the law reveals sin

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ROMANS 7:8-9

The Question: Is the Law sin?

8 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law **sin is dead**.

9 I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;

ANSWER: No, the problem lies within us.

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ROMANS 7:10-12

A Question: Is the Law sin?

10 and this **commandment**, which was to **result in life**, proved to **result in death** for me; 11 for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, **deceived** me and ~~through it killed me~~.

12 So then, **the Law is holy**, and the commandment is **holy** and **righteous** and **good**.

ANSWER: No, the problem lies within us.



ROMANS 7:13

QUESTION:

13 Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me?

May it never be!

Rather **it was sin**, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment **sin** would become **utterly sinful**.

UNDERSTAND: The sinfulness of sin

ROMANS 7:15-25

The Context of Romans 7

Is Paul talking about when he was lost or saved?

'For what 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.'

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The problem of struggling with sin, 7:14-23.

Is Paul talking about...

- a) The **unregenerate**?
- b) The **saved** person?
- c) Someone who lives under **law**?

22
times "I" is used!

“The intensely personal character of these verses and the use of present tenses indicate that this was Paul's own experience as a believer.” **Dr Charles Ryrie**

(The Ryrie Study Bible: New American Standard Translation: 1995. Moody Publishers)

Paul speaks in the **first person singular**.



ROMANS 7:14-15

THE PROBLEM: The internal conflict with sin

'the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak'

Matthew 26:41

For we know that the Law is **spiritual**, but I am of **flesh**, sold into *bondage* to **sin**.

15 For what 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.

THE STRUGGLE: Can't stop sinning



ROMANS 7:16-17

A PROBLEM OF SIN: The internal conflict

16 But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but **sin** which dwells in me.

Sin 'personified'

THE STRUGGLE: Can't stop sinning



ROMANS 7:18-19

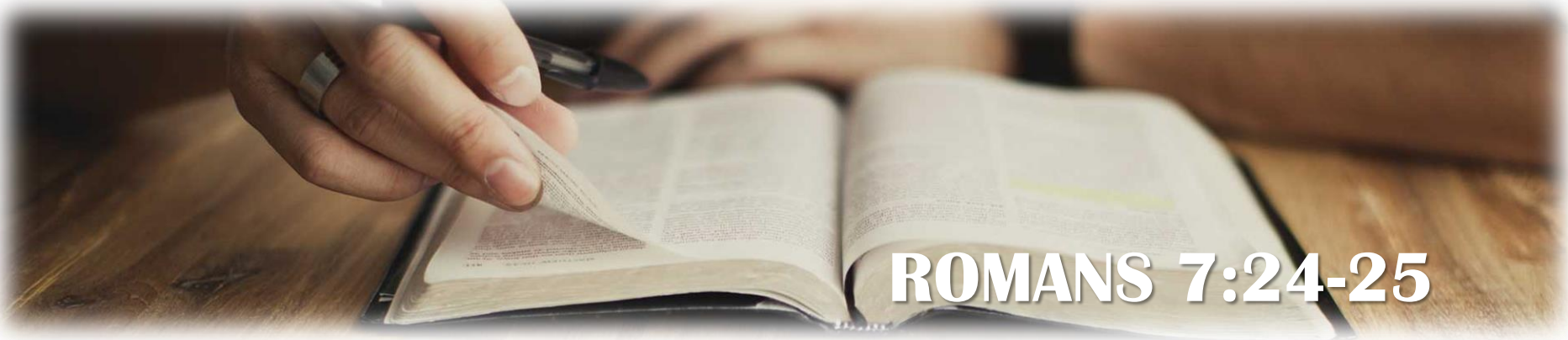
A PROBLEM OF SIN: The internal conflict

“No man knows
how bad he is
until he has tried
to be good.”

(C. S. Lewis)

18 For I know that nothing good
dwells in me, that is, in my flesh;
for the willing is present in me,
but the doing of the good is not.
19 For the good that I want, I do
not do, but I practice the very
evil that I do not want.

THE STRUGGLE: Can't stop sinning



ROMANS 7:24-25



**Wretched man that I am!
Who will set me free from
the body of this death?**



ROMANS 7:20-21

A PROBLEM OF SIN: The internal conflict

Dwell - oikéō (from oikos, "a house, dwelling, habitation") – properly, to make a home; living "at home" because it is one's residence; "to be at home."

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which **dwells** in me.

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

THE SOURCE: Sin dwelling within



ROMANS 7:22-23

A PROBLEM OF SIN: The internal conflict

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,
23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

THE SOURCE: Sin dwelling within



The War Against Sin

This battle starts with a ***desire to do good***.

- *'I agree with the law', 7:16,*
- *'The willing is present in me', 7:18*
- *'The good that I want', 7:19*
- *'The one who wants to do good', 7:21*
- *'I joyfully concur with the law of God', 7:22*





Wrestling WITH SIN

The War Against Sin

The difference between what one **purposes** and what one **practices**:

- 'I am not practicing what I would like', 7:15
- 'I am doing the very thing I hate', 7:15b
- 'The doing of the good is not', 7:18b
- 'I practice the very evil that I do not want', 7:19





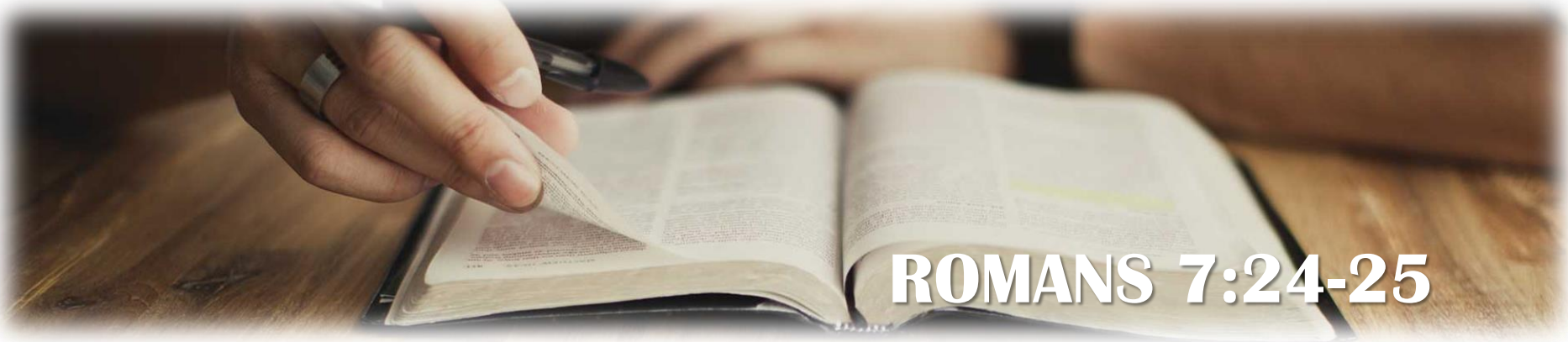
Wrestling WITH SIN

The War Against Sin

Paul personifies sin as the enemy within:

- 'the very **evil**', 7:19
- '**sin** which **dwells** in me', 7:17
- 'I am no longer the one doing it, but **sin** which **dwells** in me', 7:20
- 'principle that **evil** is present in me', 7:21
- 'different **law** in the members of my body, waging **war** against the law of my mind' 7:23
- 'the **law of sin**', 7:25





A Cry for help:

24 Wretched man that I am!
Who will set me free from the
body of this death?

The Solution:

25 **Thanks be to God** through
Jesus Christ our Lord!

Back to the topic:

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 8:1

CONCLUSION:



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.

'Spiritual Immunity'

'no condemnation for those who are **in Christ Jesus'**

condemnation

katákrima (from *katá*, "down, according to," intensifying *kríma*, "the results of judgment") – properly, the exact *sentence of condemnation* handed *down* after due *process* (establishing guilt).



'If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood** of Jesus His Son **cleanses us from all sin'**

(1 John 1:7)





ROMANS 8:3-4

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.

**PAID
IN FULL**

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ROMANS 8:5-6

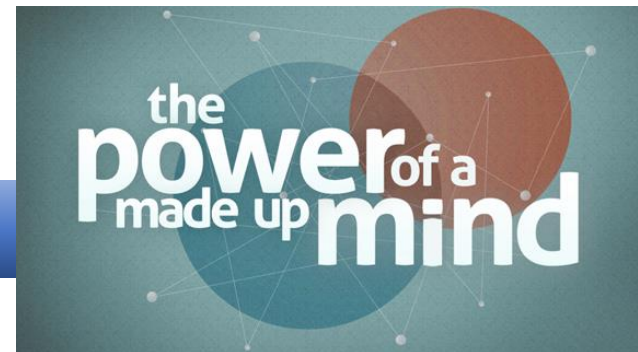


5 For those who are according to the flesh **set their minds** on the things of the **flesh**, but those who are according to the **Spirit**, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the **mind set** on the flesh is **death**, but the **mind set** on the Spirit is **life and peace**,

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ROMANS 8:7-8

7 because the **mind set on the flesh** is **hostile toward God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**.



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ROMANS 8:9-10

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit** of God **dwells** in you. But if anyone **does not have the Spirit** of Christ, he **does not belong to Him**.

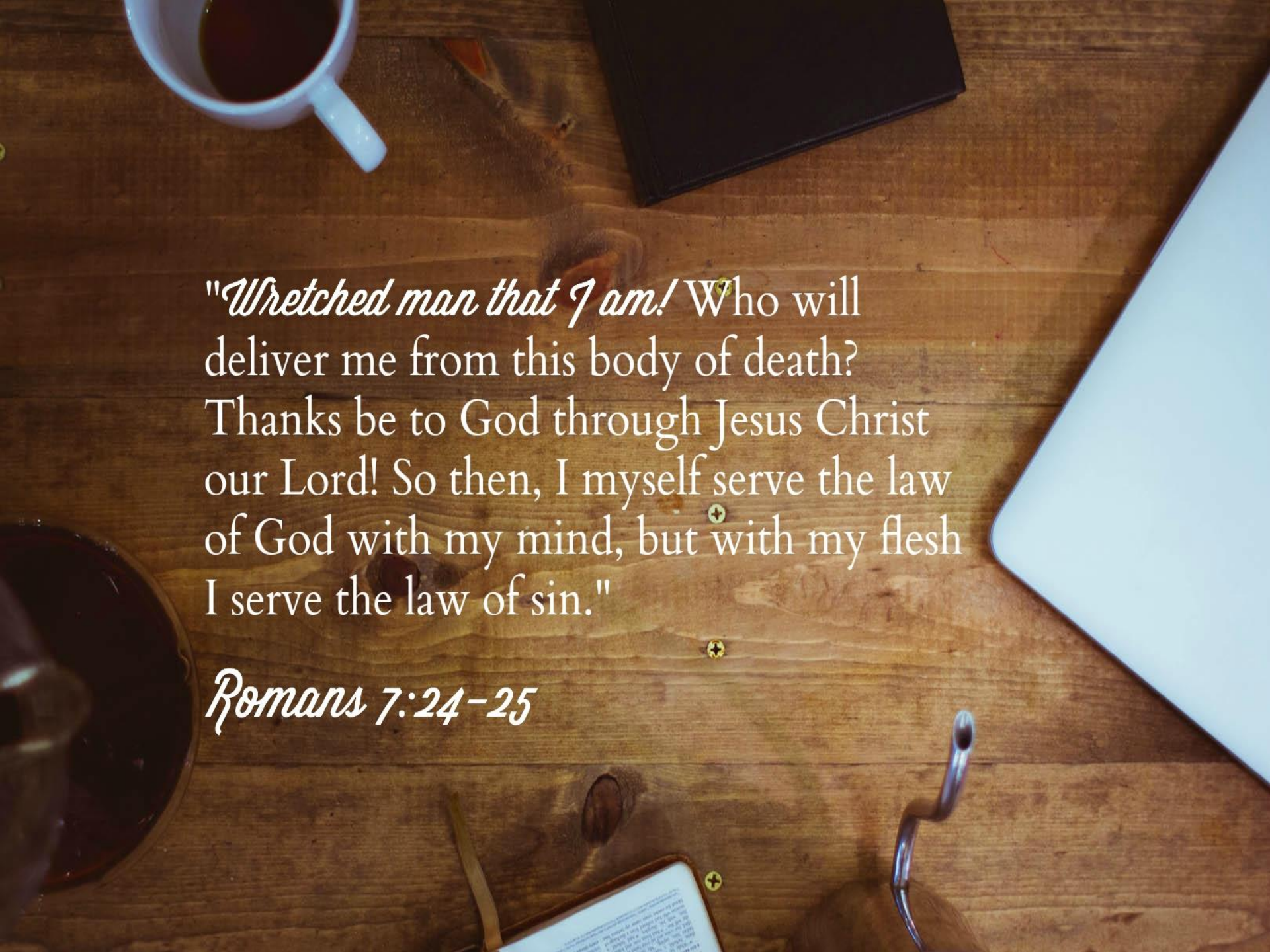
10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the **spirit is alive** because of righteousness.



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ROMANS 8:11

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells** in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you.

A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the top left corner is a white coffee cup filled with dark liquid. To its right is a black notebook. On the right side, a portion of a silver laptop is visible. In the bottom left, there is a dark, reflective object, possibly a bowl or a lid. At the bottom center, a pair of glasses with a wooden frame and a metal nose bridge is partially visible. The desk surface is made of light-colored wood with visible grain and knots. Several small yellow screws are visible on the desk surface.

"Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin."

Romans 7:24-25



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