
SERMON OUTLINE

Grace that frees me from sin's power

Part 3 – Grace and my freedom in Christ

- I. Real struggle: Because of my sin nature, I'm in battle between my old and new desires (Romans 7:14-25).
 - A. I have a new inner desire to please God, but may often revert to sin's enslaving power (7:14-24).
 - Every Christian struggles with sin's power.
 - Every Christian has a desire to please God.
 - My sin struggle is not primarily with Satan; it's a spiritual struggle within (Ephesians 6:12-18).
 - Some sins are more obvious while others are more hidden (1 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Timothy 5:24).
 - B. Praise God for His victorious power over sin available through Christ in my struggle (7:25)!
 - There is always hope for the believer battling sin.

- II. Radical Dependence: Because of God's grace, I can win over sin through the Holy Spirit within me (Romans 8:1-27).
 - A. As I yield to the Spirit when tempted, I have power to resist sin (8:1-16).

 - B. As I yield to the Spirit as I pray, He asks the Father to do His will even if I don't know God's will (8:26-27).