

Scripture Reading:

Romans 7:14-25

**Victory Over
the Flesh
(Sin Nature)**

Review: Three Tenses of Salvation

- ◇ Present-tense salvation involves 3 enemies
- ◇ One enemy is the flesh (the sin nature)
- ◇ Question: How is the sin nature defeated (rendered ineffective)

INTRODUCTION

Understanding the Problem

- ◇ 3-part makeup of man

- ◇ I Thess 5:23 “...spirit, soul, body...”

- ◇ Presently saved only in the realm of our spirit

- ◇ Jn 3:6 “... that which is born of the Spirit is spirit...”

- ◇ The Christian still possesses a sin nature

- ◇ Rom 7:17:20 “...the sin (nature) that dwells within me...”

Understanding the Problem

- ◇ The sin nature wars against the soul by making emotional appeals
 - ◇ I Pet 2:11 “...abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul...”
- ◇ The sin nature always defeats the unaided new nature
 - ◇ Gal 5:17 “For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh...”
 - ◇ Rom 7:21 “I find then a law, (principle) that, when I would do good, evil is present with me”

Understanding the Solution

Walking by means of the Holy Spirit: ordering your daily life in the realm of your thinking

- Gal 5:16 ...walk (by means of the) Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the strong desires of the sin nature.

Dying in one realm of thoughts and reckoning (counting true) to be alive in other areas of thought and mind

- Rom 6:11 “... reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto (the) sin (nature), but alive unto God (in) Jesus Christ our Lord”

The Holy Spirit then puts to death practices of the body

- Rom 8:13 “... For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live”