

*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
  - ◇ II 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 through 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”

# Understanding the Value of Victory

I can grow in my salvation

**II Pet 3:18 “...grow in grace, and in the (experiential) knowledge of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ...”**



**Others (both saved & lost) need me to be a source of LIGHT (God's life in activity)**

**Eph 4:15-16 “... may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies...”**

**Phil 2:15:16 “in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,<sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life...”**

# Understanding the Value of Victory

I can able to glorify my Savior by obtaining good works, and casting crowns at His feet

**II Cor 9:24-25** “...So run, that ye may obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible....”

**cf Rev 5:10-11**



I am a demonstration of God's salvation by grace to unfallen angels

**I Pet 1:12** “... which things the angels desire to look into...”

# CONCLUSION

- ◇ **To experience victory over your sin nature, understand:**
  - ◇ **Your unsaved soul is emotionally attacked by your sin nature**
  - ◇ **The good desires of your new nature aren't sufficient to defeat the lusts of the flesh (sin nature)**
  - ◇ **You must reckon (count true) death in the realm of your soulish thinking, and reckon yourself alive to God in the realm of your spirit's thought processes**
  - ◇ **The temporal and eternal value of maintain this spiritual mindset: Colossians 3:2 “...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”**