

Why Do I Sin?

Do not let sin control the way you live;

Do not give in to its lustful desires;

Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you are no longer subject to the law, which enslaves you to sin. In stead, you are free by God's grace.

So since God's grace has set us free from the law, does this mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don't you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master?

You can choose sin, which leads to death; or

You can choose to obey God and receive His approval. (Romans 6:12-16 The Book)

"I" PROBLEM

I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.

I do not understand what

I do, for what

I want to do

I do not do, but what

I hate

I do. And if

I do what

I do not want to do.

I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer

I

Myself who do it, but it is sin living in

Me.

I know that nothing good lives in

Me that is, in

My sinful nature. For

I have the desire to do what is good, but

I cannot carry it out. For what

I do is not the good

I want to do; No, the evil

I do not want to do – this

I keep on doing. Now if

I do what

I do not want to do, it is no longer

I who do it, but it is sin living in

Me that does it. So

I find this law at work: When

I want to do good, evil is right there with

Me. For in

My inner being

I delight in God's law; but

I see another law at work in the members of

My body, waging war against the law of

My mind and making

Me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within

My members. What a wretched man

I am! Who will rescue

Me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then,

I

Myself in

My mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. (Romans 7:14-25)

SIN – is a fundamental relationship – it is not wrong **doing** but wrong **being** – it is deliberate and determined independence from God. (Oswald Chambers)

CONTROLLED BY SIN

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. If your sinful nature **controls your mind**, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit **controls your mind**, there is life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still **under the control** of their sinful nature can never please God. (Romans 8:5-8 The Book)