

GENESIS

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Paradox

Romans 7:14-25

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v.15 – ‘For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do.’ What are some ways that you can identify with Paul in this struggle? What things are you wanting to do, but find yourself unable to do? What are some things you continue to do that you absolutely don’t want to be doing?

v.16-20 – Paul made clear in **Romans 6:2** that we ‘died to sin’, but makes clear that there is still a battle going on with our sin nature. What is a Christian’s relationship to his ‘sin nature?’ In other words, why do I continue to sin if I died to sin? How does this war or paradox that Paul describes compare to what he says in **Galatians 5:16-17** – “They [the flesh & the Spirit] are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.”

v.24-25 – How does the experience of our own inability to follow what we want to do show our need for the gospel/work of Jesus? What are some practical ways Jesus recues us from our battle with sin?

