

Notes and Quotes

A FEW THOUGHTS TO HELP US MOVE THROUGH THE STUDY
AND GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

ROMANS 7

“It is no more I that do it; i.e. it is not I as spiritual or renewed, it is not my whole self, but it is sin that dwelleth in me, that inhabits in me as a troublesome inmate, that I cannot get rid of, that will not out so long as the house stands; as the fretting leprosy in the walls of a house would not out till the house itself were demolished. It is such an inhabitant as is never from home; it is not in us as a stranger for a season, but it makes its constant abode with us.”

– Matthew Poole’s Commentary

“The conflict here, the tension, the battle between what Paul says, “I delight in, I love, I approve, I want, I long to do,” and that that he actually does, I believe, can only be true in a redeemed person. I don’t really think in an unregenerate person, an unredeemed person, an unsaved person that there really is much of a battle at all. I mean, we don’t believe for a moment that people without God are basically really good people who just can’t seem to pull it off. We believe they’re really evil people who act out the evil that’s inside them.

– John MacArthur

“This is a strange contradiction, — a man who has grace enough to will to do good, and yet does it not. There are two men in the one man, — the new nature struggling against the old nature. This must be a renewed man who talks in this fashion, or else he could not say that he hated sin; yet there must be a part of him still imperfect, or else he would not do that which he hates.” – Charles Spurgeon

“You know what kind of Christian this is? My friend, this is the most mature spiritual Christian there could ever be, who sees so clearly the inability of his flesh as over against the holiness of the divine standard. You see? And the more mature he is, and the more spiritual he is, the greater will be the sensitivity of his own shortcomings. You show me an infantile, “carnal,” fleshly, legalistic, self-righteous kind of Christian, and I’ll show you somebody who lives under the disillusion that everything he’s doing is really very spiritual. You show me a person with this kind of brokenness, you show me a person agonizing in the depths of his own soul because he can’t do everything written in the law of God, and I’ll show you a spiritual person.” – John MacArthur