



NOTHING GOOD DWELLS IN ME

*Romans 7:17-20*

“*For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.*”

*Romans 7:15*





## HOW DO WE RESPOND TO ALL THIS?

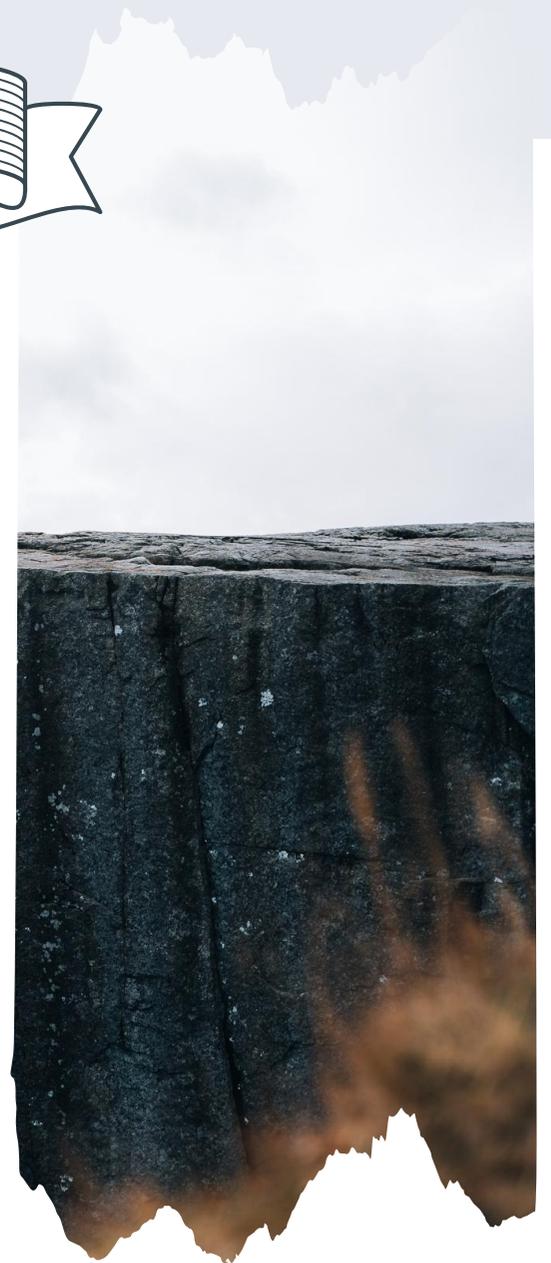
- ◆ God wants us to see the difference between these two natures that indwell us:
- ◆ Not so that we can **fight** for victory over sin...  
But, so that, we can learn to **rest** in His victory over sin.



*Romans 7:17-20*

*“Grace finds its  
greatest triumph  
and glory in the  
sphere of human  
helplessness.”*

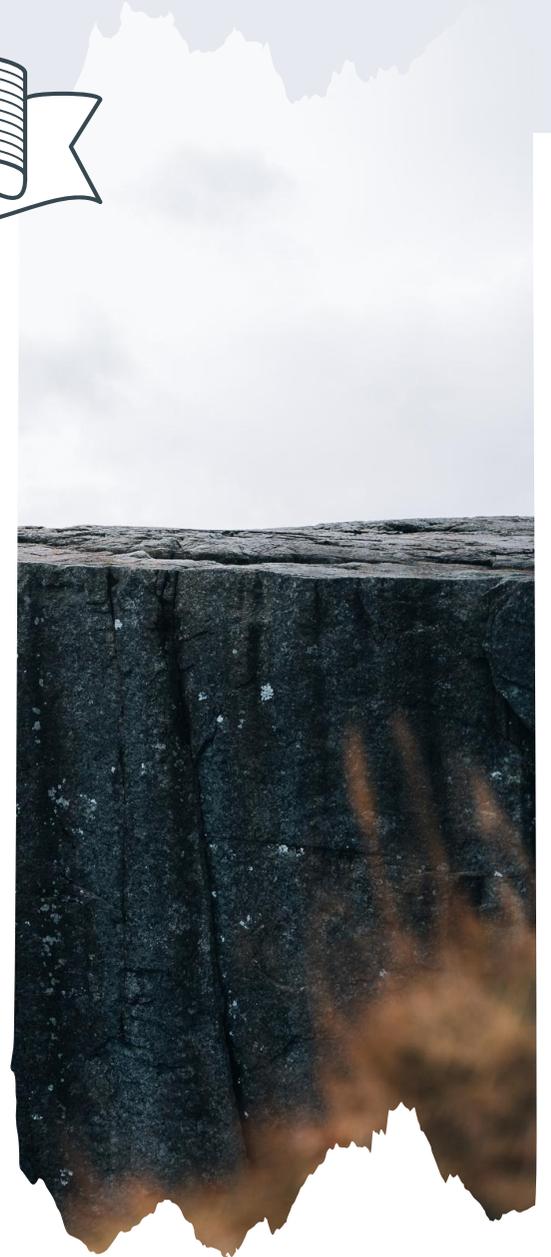
*Lewis Sperry Chafer*



*So now, no longer am I the one doing it,  
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*Romans 7:17*

**THIS IS *NOT* A  
COP OUT!!**



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## **A BIBLICAL DISTINCTION:**

# The Outer Man

&

# The Inner Man

*Colossians 3:9-10*

*Matthew 7:15*

*2 Corinthians 4:16*

*Matthew 23:27*

*1 Samuel 16:7*

*1 Peter 3:3-4*

*Luke 16:15*



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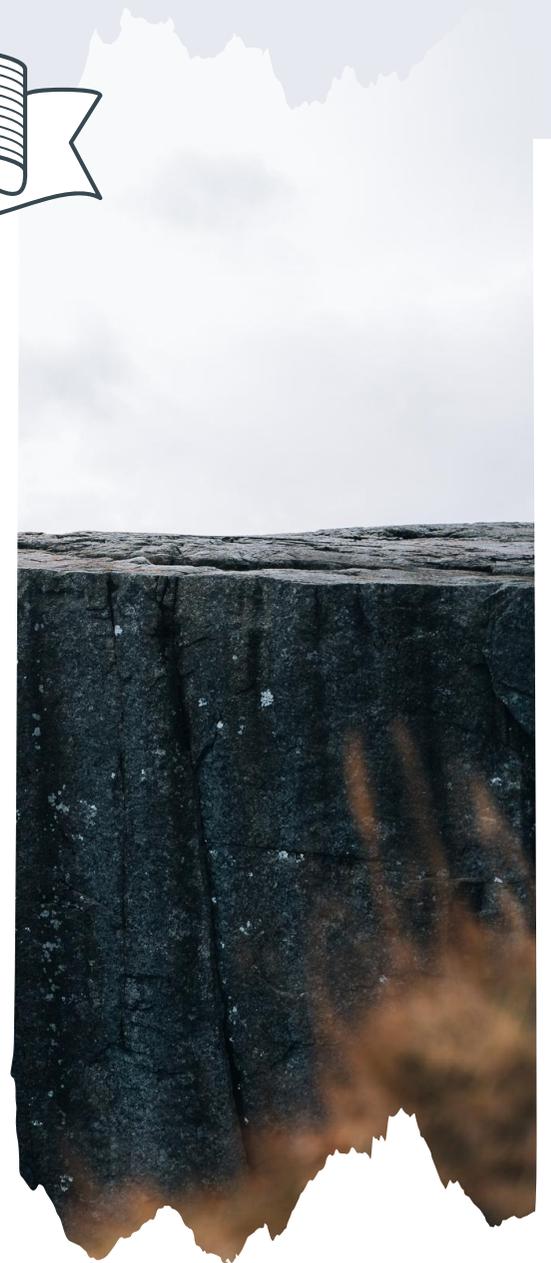
*Romans 7:17*

» So Paul can say both:

**WRETCHED  
MAN THAT  
I AM!**

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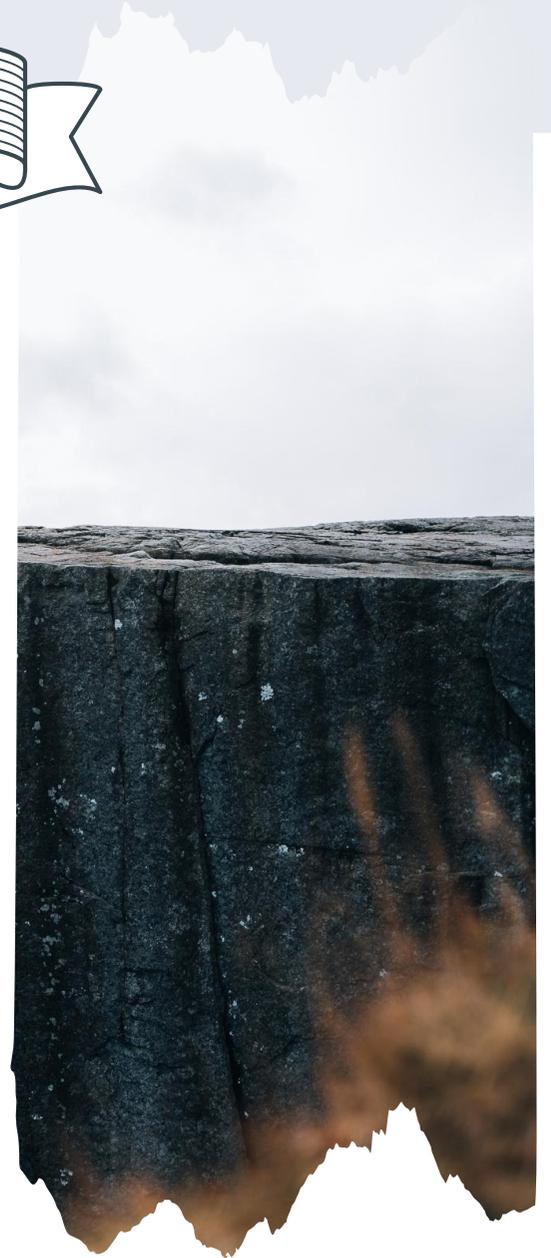
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» When we learn how utterly sinful we are in the flesh, we are prepared to submit to the only possible solution.



For I know that **nothing good** dwells in me, that is, in my flesh;  
for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

Romans 7:18

» We have to be  
convinced of this  
before we will look  
away from **ourselves**  
and look to the Lord for  
deliverance!



*For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.*

*Romans 7:19*

» As a Christian, you do not have the ability in yourself to live consistently with the **good desires** of the inner man.

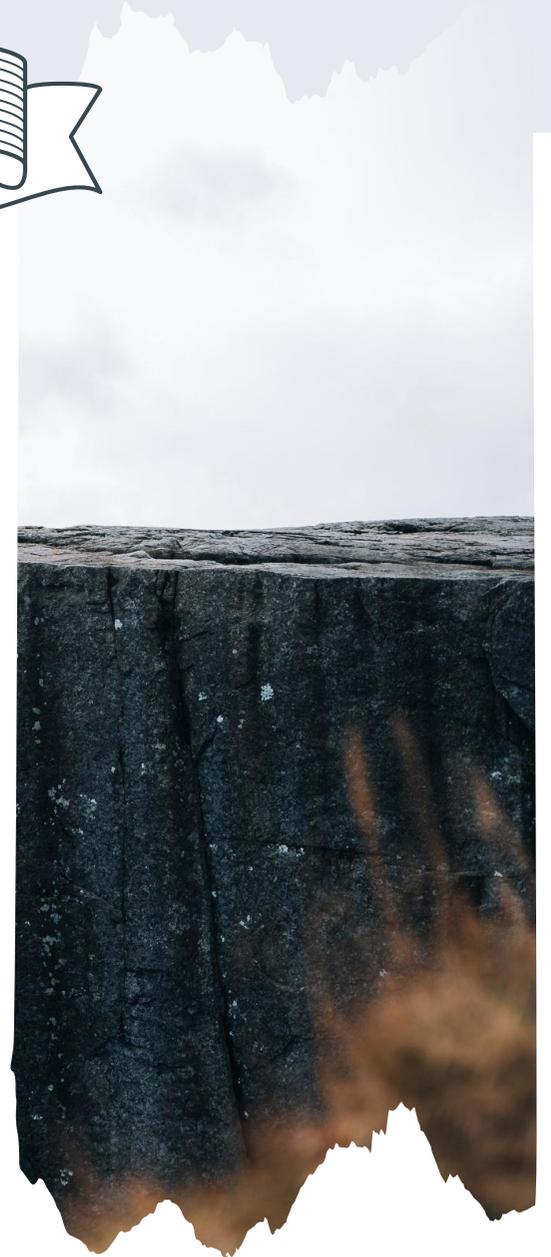


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» We can talk about motivation all day long, but the Christian life is not a problem of motivation!!!

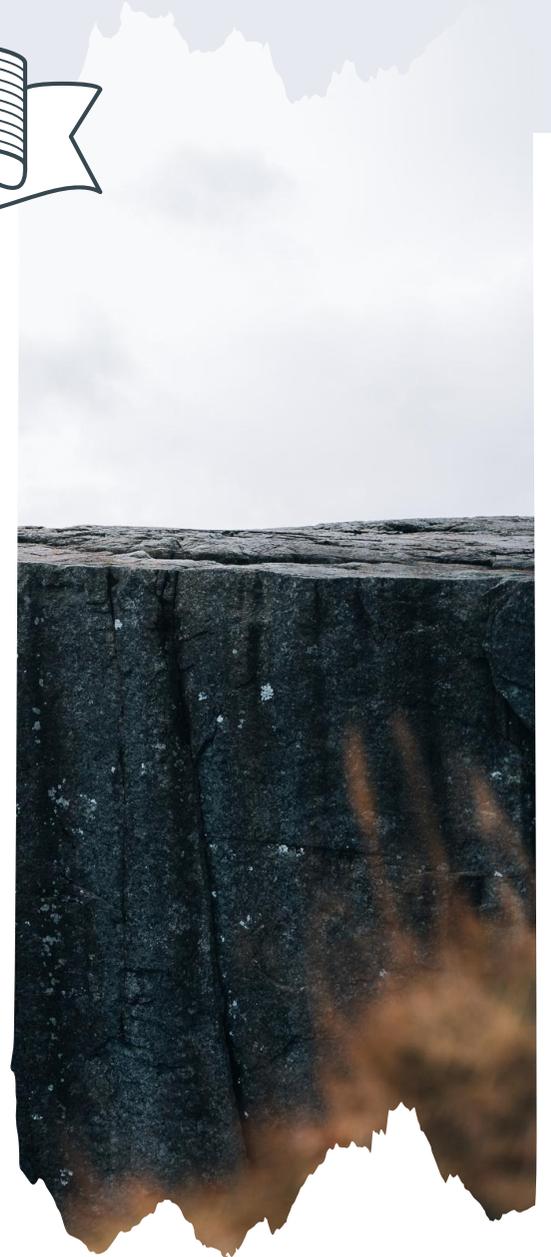
It's a problem of **ability!**



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*So what's the*  
**ANSWER**



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*Romans 7:19*

“*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,*”

*Titus 2:11-12*



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How do we break free  
from the power of sin?

And how are we going  
to live a righteous life  
free from sin?



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BY TAKING OUR STAND  
ON THE **FACTS.**

“*Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*”

*Romans 6:11*

