

Review of Romans 7:12-14



- The Law is holy
- The commandment is holy, righteous and good
- The good (the commandment) was not the cause of my death (separation)
- The sin nature was the cause of my death (separation)
- The sin nature was working death through the good (commandment) – brought into light by the good
- The sin nature is utterly (beyond measure) sinful through the commandment (it exposes the sin nature)
- The Law is spiritual
- I am carnal having been sold into bondage to the sin nature

Spiritual Christian vs. Carnal Christian



Spiritual	Carnal
Even so consider* yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus Rom 6:11	Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, Rom 6:12
Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him Col. 2:6	If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness , we lie and do not practice the truth 1John 1:6
But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh Gal. 5:16	For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit --- Gal.5:17 (carry out fleshly desires)
Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither <i>can</i> you unless you abide in Me. John 15:4	What shall we say then? Are we to continue** in sin so that grace may increase? Rom. 6:1 ** or abide

* reckon

Romans 7:15 -18



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- For what I am doing, I do not understand;
(For that which I do, I do not understand.) Wuest
 - all verbs are present, indicative, active in verse 15
- for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*
(for that which I desire, this I do not practice) Wuest
- but I am doing the very thing I hate
(but that which I hate, this I am doing) Wuest



- For what **I am doing**, I do not understand;

katergazomai -
to do, to work

ginōskō – to be taking
in knowledge

- For that which **I desire**, this **I do not practice**

thelō – to will,
to wish

prassō – to practice
(a habit)

- but **I am doing** the very thing **I hate**

poieō – to make,
produce, cause

miseō – to hate
(regarding evil)

Greek words for do or doing:



katergazomai

generally to work, to do, to produce

example: Rom. 7:8 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, **produced** in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead.
also see Rom. 4:15

prassō

usage Notes: signifies "to practice," though this is not always to be pressed
Generally speaking, in Paul's Epistles **poieō** denotes "an action complete in itself," while **prassō** denotes "a habit." (Vine)

example: Rom. 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who **practice** such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who **practice** them.

poieo

usage Notes: signifies (a) "to make," (b) "to do," i.e., to adopt a way of expressing by act the thoughts and feelings. It stands for a number of such acts, chiefly "to make, produce, create, cause," (Vine)

example: John 16:3 "These things they will **do** because they have not known the Father or Me.

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I agree with the Law,
confessing that the Law is good.



- But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*
(I do the very thing I do not want *to do*)

or

what I do not desire, this I do

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- I **agree** with the Law, --- that the Law is **good**

agree - symphēmi

usage notes: lit., "to speak with" (*syn*, "with," *phēmi*, "to speak"),
hence, "to express agreement with," is used of "consenting" to the Law, (Vine)
agreeing that it is good, Rom. 7:16.

good - kalos

usage notes: "good, admirable, becoming," has also the ethical meaning
of what is "fair, right, honorable, of such conduct as deserves esteem";
it is translated "honest" (Vine)

In view of the fact then that what I do not desire,
this I do, I am in agreement with the law that it is good. (Wuest)

17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it,
but sin which dwells in me.



- so now
(and since the case stands thus)
- no longer am I the one doing it
- but sin which dwells in me

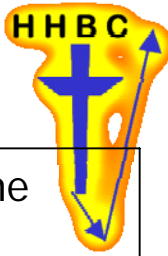
katergazomai -
to do, to work

dwells - oikeō

usage notes: "to dwell" (from *oikos*, "a house"), "to inhabit as one's abode," is derived from the Sanskrit, vic, "a dwelling place" (Vine) --- see next chart

And since the case stands thus, no longer is it I who do it, but the sinful nature which indwells me; (Wuest)

oikeo – dwells



Ro 7:18	18 For I know that nothing good <u>dwells</u> in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.
Ro 7:20	20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which <u>dwells</u> in me.
Ro 8:9	9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God <u>dwells</u> in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.
Ro 8:11	11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead <u>dwells</u> in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who <u>dwells</u> in you.
1Co 3:16	16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God <u>dwells</u> in you?
1Co 7:12	12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to <u>live</u> with him, he must not divorce her.
1Co 7:13	13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to <u>live</u> with her, she must not send her husband away.

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- I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh

- verb know (oida) is perfect, indicative, active

good – *agathos*, usage notes: describes that which, being "good" in its character or constitution, is beneficial in its effect; (Vine)

dwells – oikeō, same as verse 17

flesh – *sarx*, usage notes: has a wider range of meaning in the NT --- "the seat of sin in man" (but this is not the same thing as in the body), (Vine)
2 Pet. 2:18; 1 John 2:16;

- for I know positively that there does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh, good (Wuest)

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(Vine)

for the being desirous is constantly with me;
but the doing of the good, not (Wuest)

Summary of Romans 7:15 -18



- for what I am doing, I do not understand
- for that which I desire, this I do not practice
- but that which I hate, this I am doing
- what I do not desire, this I do
- I agree with the Law, --- that the Law is good
- no longer am I the one doing that which I hate
- It is the sinful nature which indwells me
that is doing that which I hate
- I know that nothing good (from God) dwells in me,
that is, in my flesh (the seat of my sin nature)
- for the willing to do good is present in me,
but the doing of the good is not present