**Romans Chapter 7, 8**

**Romans 7:21** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

The evil in this verse is OUR FLESH. We are carnal, sold under sin (vs. 14). We are wretched and live in a body of death (vs. 24).

We need to know and be ready for this “law” to take place in our lives. At any given moment we will be presented with the choice of who we will serve. We are to “grow” as believers and overcome…

**Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, *even* Christ:

**2 Thessalonians 1:3** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that **your faith groweth exceedingly**, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

**2 Peter 3:18** **But grow in grace**, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

**Romans 7:21-25** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **Vs. 22** For I delight in the law of God **after the inward man**: **Vs. 23** But I see another law **in my members**, warring against the law **of my mind**, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is **in my members**. **Vs. 24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from **the body of this death**? **Vs. 25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **with the mind** I myself serve the law of God; but **with the flesh** the law of sin.

**The Inward Man**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* **a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**2 Corinthians 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the **inward *man*** is renewed day by day.

**The Mind**

**Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**Ephesians 4:23** And be renewed in the **spirit of your mind**;

**1 Corinthians 2:16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**Romans 8:1-9** Speak of no condemnation to the believer – Hallelujah! Christ condemned sin in the flesh that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us (vs.4). We have the complete indwelling of the Holy Spirit and no longer walk after the flesh.

**Romans 8:10-11** And if Christ *be* in you, **the body *is* dead** because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. **Vs. 11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies** by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Personal opinion - I believe when you were saved, your body is literally dead and were it not for the Spirit and will of God to keep you physically alive, you would have gone straight to Heaven upon salvation.

Read verses 12-13, Gal. 6:8

Of course, verse 11 will also be fulfilled in every Christian at the rapture.

**Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Just as verse 1 is not conditional upon how we walk, this verse is simply stating that if you are saved you are led by the Spirit of God. Paul clearly teaches eternal security – not of works!

Charismatics will often use this verse to teach the need for a “second blessing”. But in verse 9 we see that “if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”