

The Battle for the Believer

Romans 7:13-25

"For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want" (Rom 7:19). Could this statement be said of the Christian?

"For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man" (Rom 7:22). Could this statement be said of the non-Christian?

Do you think Paul is describing his Christian struggle in verses 13-25, or his struggle before conversion?

"Paul is not telling us that the life of the 'wretched man' is as bad as it could be, only that it is not as good as it should be, and that because the man delights in the law and longs to keep it perfectly, his continued inability to do so troubles him ... The 'wretched man' is Paul himself, spontaneously voicing his distress at not being a better Christian than he is, and all we know of Paul personally fits in with this supposition. So I think what Paul is saying is *not* that Christians live in continual defeat, but that no Christian lives in continual victory over sin."

J. I. Packer

Why would someone as spiritually mature as Paul recognize his own sin more deeply than those who are less spiritually mature?

What sins may be present in my life that I have not recognized because I have not drawn closer to Christ?

WELCOME

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WITH MARK OTTAWAY

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Office Hours

Monday - Closed, Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Our Missionaries to Belgium

Henk Gelling

Peter & Joanna Gifford

Richard Haverkamp (from Elmira)

Richard & Marina Haverkamp left Elmira, Ontario and spent many decades in Belgium where they planted numerous churches and Richard preached passionately, sharing the Gospel with the Belgian people. In 1975, new believers Henk & Beryl Gelling left behind their home in Clinton, Ontario to join them in the work, not realizing at the time that they would remain in Belgium to the end of their lives. Beryl went to be with the Lord in 2020, and Henk continues on serving the local churches as an elder and a teacher.

Peter & Joanna Gifford went to Belgium as newlyweds on a two-year term, in the early 1980s and are there still. Peter is a gifted Bible teacher, and Joanna is heavily involved in leading women's Bible studies and other ministries in the local churches. During the summers, they are heavily involved in camping ministry.

Approximately 15 years ago, Richard and Marina had to return to Canada because of health problems, and Marina went to Glory a few years later after a lengthy struggle with dementia. Richard has used whatever energy he had to continue preaching and teaching the Belgium believers from his computer in Elmira Ontario, sometimes gaining a larger audience than he had when he was physically present in the country. More recently, his strength is mostly gone and he accepts the help he needs from believers at Wallenstein Bible Chapel where he started from decades ago.

Each of these people has given their life to share the Gospel, and to disciple believers within the framework of small local churches. The work is extremely difficult; they have been faithful. Please pray for all of them as they continue to invest in God's Kingdom, for His glory.

PRAYER

- Lord, may we become more aware of Your greatness so that we are mindful of our weaknesses.
- We acknowledge the sin that is in our hearts.
- We praise You for Your holy law that reveals that sin.
- And give us a spirit of humility so that we understand our unworthiness.

TWO-PITCH

Two-Pitch play offs - July 6

Game 1 - 6:30 pm
Cardinals vs Orioles

Game 2 - 7:45 pm
Ducks vs Blue Jays

Next Monday, July 13, is the final night for the season. Join us in cheering on all the players, and enjoy a light hot dog lunch at the ballpark.

MINISTRY WORKERS

Openers

July - Ian & Mattaya Teetzel

Sound Tech

July 5 - Zac Bauman

July 12 - Dale Quinn

Librarian

July 5 - Judy Parke

July 21 - Mary-Ann Campbell

Ushers/Greeters

July 5 - Michael Hodgson

Ben Marsh

July 12 - Steve Pallant

Ron Lamoureux

Nursery Workers

July 5 - Ashley Morrison

Mattaya Teetzel

July 12 - Anne Ottaway

Tess Bauman

Grass Cutting

(cut for end of week)

July 11 - Larry Teeple

July 18 - Dale Quinn

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BIRTHDAYS

Friday - Michael Hodgson

ANNIVERSARIES

None this Week

"It is for freedom that Christ set us free. Therefore, stand firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1 (LSB)

SUMMER FAMILY REUNION

POTLUCK

July 12th



Join us for a time to connect with each other and to visit with our guests *Arthur and Dorcas Taylor*.

Bring a family favorite or two to share.

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TODAY



MYSTERY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Join us in the library every Sunday for the months of June, July and August for our mystery summer reading challenge. Great prizes and treats to be had. See Brianne or Mary Ann for more details.