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New Message Series: Hope – Defeating The Enemy Inside

Today's Message: The Power of Sin in What It Is

1. Sign Up: _____ The Enemy

Two Humbling Realities:

1) Sin living in us is a “law” _____ us, like cancer.

Romans 7:21 “So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.”

“law” - expresses the power, authority and control that sin exercises in us and often wins by enticing, threatening, even bullying each of us, grabbing us by the throat: Yet it’s _____ is dead.

2) This “law” is at work in us even when we want to do good; it _____ trying.

⇒ Christ followers have the grace of God ruling in them—they do want to please God above all else!

Romans 7:22 “I love God’s law with all my heart.”

Galatians 5:17 “For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature, so that you do not do what you want.”

Romans 7:14-25

⇒ The law of sin and death is in a constant _____ against our desire to please God.

2. Wise Up: To What’s _____ Important

Romans 8:2 “And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the law of sin and death.”

Three Truths:

1) In your struggle against sin, we must _____ tightly the free, justifying Grace of God in Christ’s blood.

2) If you are to walk with God and glorify Him, you need to _____ the grace of God and the law of sin.

3) Tragically: most people live in darkness and ignorance—they give little or no thought to their soul.

Question: What is the most frustrating thing about the sin in your heart? _____

3. Don’t Give Up: Victory Is Already Ours!

Hebrews 11:24-26 “By faith Moses... chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin... He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value...”

Notice: IF Moses didn’t follow sin—he would have a life of “mistreatment” and “disgrace”.

“**This Law of Sin**” - We carry it with us; it is inbred—compelling and urging us, it’s a deadly companion.

Romans 7:18 *"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is my sinful nature."*

Hebrews 12:1 - "easily entangles"

Here's Hope: The more you discover the power of indwelling sin, the less you will suffer its effects.

Jeremiah 17:9 *"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.."*

4. Hope for Our Haunted Hearts

Your Heart: the mind—the will—the affections—the conscience

The Enemy's Advantage: Our "unredeemed humanness" lurks and hides; it acts like tricky birthday candles.

⇒ Luke 11:24-26 - As long as we live this work of war must go on: do not slack off here.

The Winning Happens: The Holy Spirit takes the Horror out of the Horror Show, for He knows our hearts, even if we don't.

⇒ Galatians 5:17 *"The Spirit wars against the flesh."*

Romans 7:25 *"Thanks be to God, Who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"*

Next Week: The Power of Sin in How It Works