



## KEY THOUGHTS

- Paul's theology of sanctification: Follow Jesus and lead sin behind.
  - We find this throughout the New Testament...
  - (Jesus) John 14:15 – "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."
  - (John) 1 John 2:3 – And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.
  - (Paul) Colossians 3:5 – Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry...
  - Ephesians 4:22-24 - ...lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- But good theology often collides with real living. Today we see Paul's personal battle.
- The Theology:
  - Romans 7:1-4 – The OT Law is good, right, beneficial, and insufficient.
  - Romans 7:5-13 – We are no longer bound to the code of the OT (see v.1-4), but we serve in newness of the Spirit. The Law magnifies (shows larger) our sin.
  - The Law is a tutor which points us to our need of Jesus.
- The Collision of our Brokenness – Paul described his own personal present battles with sin.
- Romans 7:24 sums up his battle – Wretched (miserable) man that I am? Who will set me from the battle of this death?
- In the deepest corners of our battle with sin, we'll need the victory of Jesus. That's next week.

## SCRIPTURES

- Romans 7:1 – 8:1
- John 14:5

- 1 John 2:3
- Colossians 3:5
- Ephesians 4:22-24
- Galatians 5:22-24
- Romans 13:14
- Galatians 6:8-9

## **PRACTICAL AND REFLECTION**

- 1. How to battle sin in your life.
  - a. Say goodbye to your old life. Don't plan on going back. Galatians 5:22-24 and Romans 13:14
  - b. Feed the part in you that you want to grow. Galatians 6:8-9
  - c. Build relationships that foster strength.
- 2. And yet even in that, we need Jesus living in us to conquer the sin that lies deep in the corners.