

PAUL'S LAMENT — RO.7:14-25



HIS CONDITION

CONFLICT

HIS EVIDENCE

WHAT HE DOES OR DOES NOT DO

THE SOURCE

SIN IN HIS MEMBERS

LAMENT 1 (v.14-17)

(v.14)

- The law is holy (v.12) and spiritual (v.14). **BUT** I am fleshly.
- Paul says he is a prisoner of sin (v.23). He sells himself back as it were.

(v.15)

- He does not do what he really wants. What the new man wants does not happen all the time (v.15).

(v.16-17)

- When I sin, “it is not even me” doing it. It is some alien, namely, sin (v.16-17).
- Paul understands he is a new creation. That new life loves the law of God.

LAMENT 2 (v.18-20)

(v.18a)

- The will to do good is present with me, **BUT** I know that in my flesh dwells nothing good.
- “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells” (Ro.7:18a)

(v.18b-19)

- “for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find” (Ro.7:18b)
- “For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice” (Ro.7:19)
- I want to do what is right and holy, I just cannot do it all the time.

(v.20)

- “Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me” (Ro.7:20).

LAMENT 3 (v.21-24)

(v.21)

- The will to do good is present, **BUT** a law-principle is operating within me that is evil.

(v.22)

- “For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man” (v.22)
- I do not do what I want to do. There is an alien power living in me.

(v.23-25)

- “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” (Ro.7:23).