

I DO NOT  
UNDERSTAND WHAT I DO.

FOR WHAT I do  
I WANT TO DO not do,

BUT WHAT I HATE I DO.

# Responding to the dark side of life?

## Escape it?

- Humour
- Busyness
- Study
- Friendships
- Eat, drink, be merry

## Pursue answers?

- Serious
- Research
- Wisdom
- Do good to all
- Search God's answer

# **Romans: The Gospel of God**

- 1. He Justifies “Flawed People” Chapters 1-11**
  - 1.Accountable to Him. 1:18 – 3:20**
  - 2.Justifies them by Faith 3:21- 5:21**
    - 1.Sounds Too Easy, Even Dangerous! 6**
    - 2.What about the Law? Rules!? 7**
  - 3.No condemnation for those who believe! 8**
    - 1. What about Israel? 9-11**

# **“United! United! United!”**

- 1. I am united with him, in crucifixion, the old me that I was, connected to Adam is finished 6:1-11**
- 2. I am united with him in resurrection...devotion, offer myself to him as slave to righteousness 6:12-23**
- 3. I am united with him in death to the law, married to Him, **free from law's rule** as a means of justification or sanctification 7:1-25 (of value as a teacher and guardian)**

# **Romans 7**

<b>A new husband...bear fruit to God</b>	<b>1-6</b>
<b>Released from the law to serve in the Spirit</b>	<b>7-12</b>
<b>Indwelling sin vs the law = torment</b>	<b>13-24</b>
<b>The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord!</b>	<b>25</b>

# **A new husband...bear fruit to God 1-6**

- 4 So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.**
- 6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.**

## **Released from the law to serve in the Spirit 7-12**

**“7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not!**

- Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law**
- But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead.**

**12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.**

# **Indwelling sin vs the law = torment      13-24**

**13 Did that which is good, (Law) become death to me?**

- ....in order that sin might be recognised as sin**

**15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.**

- I agree that the law is good.**

**17 It is sin living in me that is the problem**

**22 The law in which I delight cannot help me**



**The answer? Jesus Christ our Lord! 24,25**

**24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from  
this body of death?**

**25 Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!**



**Free From It**

**Free from the law—oh, happy condition!  
Jesus hath bled, and there is remission;  
Cursed by the law and bruised by the fall,  
Christ hath redeemed us once for all.**

# **So, what if I....**

- **Am a coward**
- **Over-eat**
- **Stuck on porn**
- **Drink too much**
- **Am lazy/undisciplined**
- **Bend the rules financially**
- **Have a hot temper**
- **Worry too much**
- **Am full of myself**
- **Other...**

**What difference does all this discussion make?**

# **“United! United! United!”**

- 1. The old condemned me that I was in Adam is finished. I belong to him. 6:1-11**
- 2. Offer myself to him as a devoted loving slave to righteousness. My calling. 6:12-23**
- 3. I am free from the law and rules as a means of getting right and staying right with God. 7:1-25**
- 4. It's by grace, the way of the Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**A debtor to mercy alone,  
Of covenant mercy I sing,  
Nor fear, with God's righteousness on,  
My person and off'rings to bring.  
The terrors of law and of God  
With me can have nothing to do;  
My Savior's obedience and blood  
Hide all my transgressions from view.**

