

- Refresh our thinking as to what is our state as Believers!
- 1. Have 2 separate entities residing in every believer.
  - **Sin nature**, flesh; that resides in us, in the flesh
  - **Indwelling H/S; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19**
- 2. These 2 entities are separate; as separate as they can be!
  - Gal 5:17 never a truce; this opposition is continual!
- 3. There is no sharing of control! Its one or the other!
- 4. All of our actions are the result of which one is in dominion/rule at the moment!

#1. The Law cannot change you 7:14  
For we know [oida] that the Law [M/L] is spiritual

but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

- Note: Need to be careful in reading; **of the flesh** is not the same as **in the flesh**; Paul means something totally different.

For the believer there is a pull in 2 directions:

**propensity to sin** ←———— X —————→ **desire relationship w/God**

### Observations:

1. Must recognize that the sin nature is part and parcel of the believer's life! Always there!
  - 2 serious errors taught today;
  - #1 That it will leave us if we work intently enough at it; if we beat up on it often enough;
  - #2 If we can't kill it we can improve it!

2. The believer is potentially separated from its power, not its presence!
3. Victory is made experientially a reality in our lives by applying Rom 6; that is knowing, considering, and presenting.
4. Freedom from Law is not freedom or license to sin!
5. Rem: the term instruments 6:13? military term for weapons/tools;  
We can think of the believer's body as an armory of weapons available either to the indwelling H/S or the Sin nature.

**Intro next section: 7:15f**

What this section covers is what can be reality in our life as believers but **should not be**, and won't be if we utilize the grace provision we've learned from chapter 6.

Any conduct; any thought, whatever you say will be influenced by one of 2 sources:

- #1 the flesh/Sin nature > result > sin or human good
- #2 the indwelling H/S > result > D/G/P [divine good production]

In this context, Paul is dealing with the struggle that will always be present when the indwelling H/S **is not** empowering the life.

How would you know that there are 3 different words here for **doing**?

- #1. doing katergazomai - working; producing
- #2. practicing prassw - practice
- #3. doing poiew - to make, create, manufacture; idea here is performing

#1. What I **am producing**, Paul says, I do not understand;

#2. I **am not practicing** what I would like to do! I'm baffled!

#3. I'm **performing** that which I hate!

What Paul is saying!

What I think in my mind (new man) is not what I am producing!

**What I choose to practice is not what I would like to do!**

**What I hate that I am performing!**

**- Our ability to handle the onslaught of the old nature is not a matter of choice based on self-determination! Not at all!**

**Its based on fact; truth the reality of what Christ did on the cross!**

**And my attitude towards those facts!**