

# Warring, Weary, Wretched, and Grateful

## Romans 7:21-25

In today's text, **Romans 7:21-25**, Paul summarizes his thoughts and **embraces** the **reality** of **indwelling** and **ongoing sin** in the **Christian Life**, and the tremendous **spiritual war** it creates in our **minds** and **bodies**. Often **embattled** and **weary** at the **perplexing war** within, this **drives** us to **look beyond** our **wretched** and **sinful** selves to **Christ**, who has **already won** the **victory** over **sin**. By **faith** we look to **Jesus** for **confidence** to **continue** on in the **battle**, and to **make progress** in the **struggle** to over come **ongoing sin** and to **do God's will**. Christ and **His Gospel** sets us **free even** in the **midst** of the **perplexing spiritual** war we **daily fight** as Christians.

In today's text **Romans 7:14-21** we will see...

- **7:21-24 – Warring, Weary, and Wretched**
- **7:25a – Grateful to God**
- **7:25b – Reflecting on Reality**

**Jeremiah 31:31-33** - 31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them, "declares the Lord. 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. NASB

**Ezekiel 36:26-27** - 26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27 "And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.** NASB

**Acts 2:37-39** – "37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** 39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself." NASB

**Ephesians 2:11-13** - 11 Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands — **12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.** **13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.** NASB

**Romans 7:18-20** - 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 19 For the good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish. 20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

**Romans 7:6** - 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. NASB

**1 Corinthians 15:50-57** - 50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the

imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; **we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed**, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed**. 53 **For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality**. 54 **But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality**, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but **thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**. NASB

**Philippians 3:20-21** - 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from **which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power** that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

**Romans 8:22-25** - 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, **even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body**. 24 **For in hope we have been saved**, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? 25 **But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it**. NASB

**2 Corinthians 1:20-22** - 20 For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, **22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge**. NASB

**Ephesians 1:13-14** - 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession**, to the praise of His glory. NASB



**2 Corinthians 5:1-5 - 5 For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven; 3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked. 4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.**

**Matthew 4:4 - 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" NASB**

**Psalms 1:1-3 - 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. NASB**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 - 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. NASB**

**Romans 8:1-4 - 1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. NASB**