

I Want to Change, Why Can't I?
Romans 7:7-13
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The Romans 6 Question: "I _____ to change, _____ should I?"

The Romans 7 Question: "I _____ to change, but _____ can I?"

I. We struggle to change because we have an _____ problem.

"Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—" (Romans 5:12; NKJ)

II. We will struggle to change because the _____ is an inadequate _____ to our problem.

A. The Law _____ sin, it does not _____ it.

"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'" (v7)

B. The Law _____ sin, it does not _____ change.

"But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died." (vv 8-9)

C. The Law _____ sin, it can not _____ us from it.

"And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me." (vv 10-11)

D. The Law reveals the _____, it does not bring us to God.

"Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." (v 12)

E. The Law does not _____ sin, it _____ it.

"Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful." (v13)

III. We will struggle to change until we become _____ for God's _____!

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12; NKJ)