



A Good Place to be

Romans 7:14-25

When I know that the Mosaic Law is Good

Romans 7:14-16

We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

When I know that by nature I am sinful

Romans 7:17-20

As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

When I know that I will always struggle
with my sinful nature

Romans 7:21-24

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

When I know that I will always need
God

Romans 7:25

Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

*As long as the above is true, we will always need God and that is
"A Good Place to be"*

When I know that I will always need God

2 Corinthians 12:7b-9

....Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given **a thorn in my flesh**, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. **Three times I pleaded** with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you**, for my power is made perfect in weakness. “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

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Restored intimacy with God

- When I know that the Mosaic Law is Good
- When I know that by nature I am sinful
- When I know that I will always struggle with my sinful nature
- When I know that I will always need God

Next Week: the new way of the Spirit