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# Rom 7:15-25

.... Continues logical flow of Rom 7.1-14...

Rom. 7:15 **For** what I am doing, I do not understand; **for** I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. 16 But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. 18 **For** I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; **for** the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 19 **For** the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. 20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

Rom. 7:21 I find **then** the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22 **For** I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, 23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! **So then**, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

## Narrative of Paul

# Rom 7:15-25

1 - "I" frequency (36 hits in 11 verses) Rom 7:15-25

2 - "I" frequency (2 hits in 39 verses) Rom. 8

3 - Use of present tense



**The Personal Present Experience of Paul (all believers)**  
**[VERB]** (36 total words)

4 - Assoc with believers  
"we, us, our, brothers"

Number of different forms = 3:

Present = 34

Future = 1

Perfect = 1

5 - Greek article usage with  
SIN LAW FLESH

7 - Lack of Grace or Faith until 7.25

## Key Trail Markers

Rom. 7:15a **For what I am doing, I do not understand;**

Rom. 7:15a ο γαρ κατεργάζομαι ου γινωσκω

**Flag GAR**      **Continues thought from Rom 7**

**Doing**      **present tense**      **KATA + ERG + AZ + OMAI**      **to produce or accomplish**

Rom. 1:27; 2:9; 4:15; 5:3; 7:8,13,15,17-18,20; **15:18;**

1Cor. 5:3; 2Cor. 4:17; 5:5; 7:10-11; 9:11; 12:12; Eph. 6:13;

Phil. 2:12; James 1:3; 1Pet. 4:3

**3 Words for "do"**

**#1 - POIEO**      **ROM 7:8,13,15,17,18; 15:18 TO DO, MAKE, CREATE**

**(which) I do not realize, come to know, perceive**

**GINOSKO**

**Luke 1:34**

**Struggle in Experience**

**Of Paul  
Of All Believers**

Rom. 7:15 **for I am not practicing what I would like to do,**

Rom. 7:15b,c ου γαρ ο θελω τουτο πρασσω,

**Flag GAR**      **Continues thought from Rom 7**

**#2 - PRASSO**    **TO DO, PRACTICE, REPEAT AGAIN & AGAIN,**  
**HABITUAL ACTIONS/THOUGHTS**

Luke 3:13; 19:23; 22:23; 23:15,41; John 3:20; 5:29; Acts 3:17; 5:35; 15:29;  
16:28; 17:7; 19:19,36; 25:11,25; 26:9,20,26,31; Rom. **1:32-2:3**; 2:25; 7:15,19;  
9:11; 13:4; 1Cor. 5:2; 9:17; 2Cor. 5:10; 12:21; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 6:21; Phil. 4:9;  
1Th. 4:11

**"like"**      **THELO**      **to want, desire**

**HOW NASB TRANSLATES THELO**

**2309. θελω thelo;** a **prim. vb.**; *to will, wish:*—am willing(4), care(1), delighting(1), desire(15), desired(4), desires(4), desiring(2), intended(1), intending (1), like(3), maintain(m)(1), mean\*(2), mean(1), means(1), please(1), purposed(1), refused\*(1), takes pleasure(1), unwilling\*(12), want(45), wanted(15), wanting(3), wants(5), will(6), willed(1), willing(12), wills(4), wish(30), wished(7), wishes(17), wishing(5), would(1).

**Failure in Experience**

**Of Paul  
Of All Believers**

Rom. 7:15 **But I am doing the very thing I hate.**

Rom. 7:15c ἀλλ ὁ μισῶ τούτο ποιῶ.

**Emphatic      The Very Thing**

I hate      MISO      to reject -> hate

I am doing, do      POIEO

**The Sin Nature CANNOT be overcome by willpower !**

**Frustration in Experience**

**Of Paul  
Of All Believers**

Rom. 7:16a **But if I do the very thing I do not want to do,**

Rom. 7:16a εἰ δὲ ὁ οὐ θέλω τοῦτο ποίω,

**IF**

I do, am doing

What I don't want

**The Sin Nature CANNOT be overcome by human power !**

**THEN ...**

**Clash of Two Natures**

**Of Paul  
Of All Believers**

# The Old Man - The Sin Nature - The Flesh

The **Natural Man** is unsaved,  
wholly composed of the OMSNTF

ψυχικος

PYSUCHIKOS

soul,self + characterized by

*After Adam Sinned*

Me = Sin

Me=Sin<sup>3</sup>

Eph 2:1,3

**Does Not Welcome  
The Word 1 Cor 2:14**

**Considers The Cross  
Foolish, Moronic 1 Cor 1:18**

**Walks According To His  
Own Wants & Desires Ju 18,19**



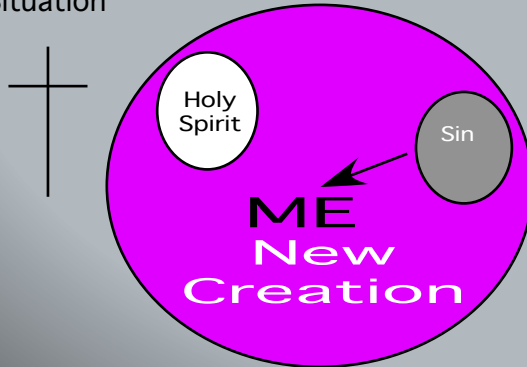
# The Old Man - The Sin Nature - The Flesh

The **Carnal Man** is saved,  
yet responding to the OMSNTF

**σαρκικος**

**SARKIKOS**  
flesh + characterized by

Post Cross Situation  
for Believers



**Limited Intake Of God's  
Word Or Will 1 Cor 3:1**

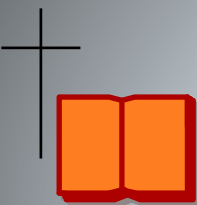
**Little Interest in Hearing  
God's Word Heb 5**

**Difficulty with relationships  
and pressures 1 Cor 3:3**

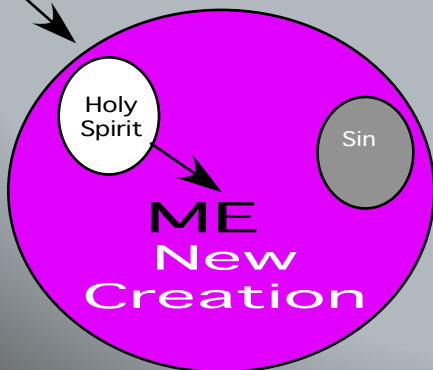
*The New Man aligning with the  
OMSNTF or the Holy Spirit*

# The Old Man - The Sin Nature - The Flesh

The **Spiritual Man** is saved,  
responding positively to the Word-Spirit  
and rejecting the OMSNTF



Post Cross Situation  
for Believers



*The New Man aligning with the  
OMSNTF or the Holy Spirit*

**πνευματικός**

**PNEUMA + TIKOS**  
spirit + characterized by

Positive response to the  
Word and teaching 1Cor. 2:12-15

Ability to prevail  
pressures and problems Walk  
in Spiritual Life Col. 1:9; 3:15-17

Hungers for DVP and relationship  
with God 1Pet. 2:4-6  
Love for other believers 1Cor. 3:1; 2Cor. 8:16

Rom. 7:16a **But if I do the very thing I do not want to do,**

Rom. 7:16a εἰ δὲ ὁ οὐ θέλω τοῦτο ποίω,

**IF**

I do, am doing

What I don't want

**The Sin Nature CANNOT be overcome by human power !**

**THEN ...**

**Clash of Two Natures**

**Of Paul  
Of All Believers**

Rom. 7:16b **I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.**

Rom. 7:16b συμφημι τω νομω οτι καλος.

**THEN ...**

**I agree** pres ind **SUN + PHMI** to same say, to speak with (concur)

**HOMOLOGEO** 1John 1:9

~~Confessing~~

**That it is good (KALOS) Rom. 7:16,18,21** External, attractive  
**(AGATHOS) Rom. 7:12-13,18-19; 8:28**

*By virtue of the fact that I want to do the intent of the Law, I declare that it is good, like God said.*

**Agreement of Good**

**by Paul  
by All Believers**

Rom. 7:17 **For So now, no longer am I the one doing it,  
but sin which dwells in me.**

Rom. 7:17 νυνι δε ουκετι εγω κατεργαζομαι αυτο αλλα η οικουσα εν εμοι αμαρτια.

**Now current point in narrative of Paul's experience**

**"No longer" implies up to this point Paul assumed single nature**

**Strong Contrast ALLA**

**New realization that the cause was "The Sin Nature the one dwelling in me"**

**TWO Natures !!! \*Rom 7:18,20, 22**

**Current Experience**

**Of Paul  
Of All Believers**

# Rom 7:14-17

Sin Nature is not Paul, it exists in Paul

Cross emancipates, not reforms the Sin Nature

Willpower is defeated by the Sin Nature

Counterpower to Sin Nature is Holy Spirit, not Paul

Summary 7:14-23

Right Desire

Wrong Action

Reason Why

## Review

The End