

SERMON NOTES

Unashamed
April 13, 2008

“Dueling Natures”
Romans 7:7-25

Introduction:

Would it not be nice if once we accepted Jesus, that all our struggles with sin would go away? Unfortunately, we each know all too well that this is not how it works as each day we battle with sin. Is there an answer? Thankfully, there is an answer for us to celebrate this morning.

I. Interpretation

II. Application

Going Deeper

1. How is it that the law is spiritual, holy, and good and at the same time, it arouses sin in our lives?
2. To what extent can you relate to Paul's struggles in this passage? Explain.
3. Can we read Paul's words in Romans 7 as a license to go on sinning? Isn't it just a losing battle that we can never win?
4. As you struggle with sin, what is commonly your reaction? Why is it dangerous for us to hide from our sin?
5. Read Matthew 23:25-28. How is this a description of how many Christians face their sin? Why is this going to have bad results?
6. What does it mean that Jesus is the answer to our sin struggle? How does a union with Jesus make any difference in the battle with sin?
7. What role does confession play in your life? What are the promises that come as we confess our sins to God and to others? What makes confession difficult?
8. What specific sins are hanging like a weight around your neck? How specifically can you experience victory in that struggle?

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