

## Fighting a losing battle?

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## Romans 7:14-25

**Struggling with Romans? Recognize that you live in a uniquely challenging culture:**

1. We want bumper-sticker \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We do not feel the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

### **What is sin?**

- Missing the \_\_\_\_\_
- Romans 3:23            -Isaiah 6:5            -Luke 5:8
- Psalm 103:1-5        -Romans 6:23        -1 Timothy 4:2
- Proverbs 30:20       -1 John 1:5-10

### **The wrong way to handle guilt:**

1. Deny it.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

### **The right way to handle guilt:**

1. Bring it to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **There is more than one way to interpret Romans 7:14-25!**

1. Paul is describing the \_\_\_\_\_ struggle with sin.  
-Galatians 5:17
2. Paul is describing the struggle to overcome sin \_\_\_\_\_  
from the power of Christ.  
-Romans 6:18, 7:14, 7:23

**Either way, Romans 7:14-25 describes people who are not experiencing the victory over sin that is available through the power of the Holy Spirit.**            -Romans 7:6

### **They say...**

“God’s law is good, but I am trapped in sinful flesh.”

“I am deeply disappointed with myself.”

“I hate my sins. They are not a reflection of who I really am.”

“I feel powerless.”            -Romans 5:6

“I want to live a life that is pleasing to God but can’t escape the evil inside me.”

“There’s a battle going on inside of me and I’m losing.”

“I am miserable and in need of rescue.”

**...But everything changes when we become united with Christ.**

-Romans 7:6, 8:2

### **Life Application Questions:**

1. How do you typically respond to the guilt of your sin?
  - a. Deny it.
  - b. Cling to it.
  - c. Bring it to Jesus.
2. Have you experienced victory over some of the sins in your life by the power of the Holy Spirit? Which ones are still defeating you?
3. Which sins have you given up on ever conquering? Does this fit what you believe the Bible says in Romans chapters 6-8?