

The Believer, Sin, and Assurance

Text: Romans 7:14-25

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A. The Argument of Paul being Unconverted

1. Sold under sin

Rom. 7:14, Rom. 6:6-7; 14, 17-18, 1 Kings 21:20, Gal. 5:17

2. Nothing good is in him

Rom. 7:18, Rom. 3:12, John 6:63

3. Sin seems to dominant his life

Rom. 7:19-20, Rom. 3:10-18

4. Sense of hopelessly being undone

Rom. 7:24, Matt. 5:1-4

5. No reference to the Holy Spirit

B. The Argument of Paul being Converted

1. His humble distress over his inability to keep the law

Rom. 7:15-19, Phil. 3:3-6, Isa. 6:1-5, John 15:5

2. His inward delight in the law of God

Rom. 7:22, Ps. 51:6

3. His attitude of thanksgiving to God

Rom. 7:25, Eph. 5:18-21, Rom. 1:8

4. The contrasting verb tense in Romans 7

- Paul's pre-conversion experience (past)

Rom. 7:9-11

- Paul's converted experience (present)

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