

ROMANS

Service Guide

ORDER OF SERVICE: 03.26.2023

Welcome: Pastor Matthew

Song: *This Is Amazing Grace*

Song: *The Lion and the Lamb*

Element of Congregational Response: *Apostle's Creed*

Song: *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Scripture Reading and Prayer: *Romans 7:13-25*

SERMON: "The Problem Is Me, The Problem Was Me"

Closing Song of Response: *His Mercy is More*

Closing Blessing: Pastor Matthew

This Week: Read ahead in Romans, **Chapter 8!**

TODAY'S SERMON TEXT: Romans 7:13-25, CSB

13 Therefore, did what is good become death to me? Absolutely not! But, sin, in order to be recognized as sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.

THE PROBLEM OF SIN IN US

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold as a slave under sin. **15** For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not practice what I want to do, but I do what I hate. **16** Now if I do

what I do not want to do, I agree with the law that it is good. **17** So now I am no longer the one doing it, but it is sin living in me. **18** For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but there is no ability to do it. **19** For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, I am no longer the one that does it, but it is the sin that lives in me. **21** So I discover this law: When I want to do what is good, evil is present with me. **22** For in my inner self I delight in God's law, **23** but I see a different law in the parts of my body,, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I myself am serving the law of God, but with my flesh, the law of sin.

SERMON NOTES:

[*Pastor Matthew's Two Presuppositions for Romans 7:7-25*](#)

- (1) The "I" in this passage is broader than merely Paul, and likely speaks to the experience of Adam, and Israel – and Paul with them – and is thus the experience of all humanity.
- (2) This passage **cannot possibly** be the description of the experience of someone who is already a believer in Jesus.

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

To respond to the Scripture text and the sermon today...

- 1) What is the **Spirit** speaking to you today?
- 2) What might **GOD** be calling you to consider about Jesus?

For discussion at home, on your own, with your family, or in your community group...

- 1) I heard _____ today, but was confused or had a hard time believing it.
- 2) Hearing and believing that GOD is _____ changes the way I _____.
- 3) Think of examples in your experience of how the Law of God exposes sin in our lives.

- 4) How does Sin use the Law to stir us up to sin more?

- 5) What does it feel like to be a disciple of Jesus with the heart desire to do the will of God? Consider what it was like before you were a Christian – and compare that experience.

- 6) How does Romans 7:13-25 function in the life of a person who is currently a Christian? In particular, when we fail and sin as a Christian, how did Pastor Matthew say we might use this text when that happens?

- 7) Some texts that could be helpful when we fail and sin are 1 John 1:7-9 and 2:1-2, as well as Romans 8:1-4. Can you think of others? What texts have you memorized to help you fight the fight of faith when you sin?