

On the one hand we see God's perfect Law of righteousness being written into our hearts, in the form of a principle of innate righteousness, so that the righteous requirements of the Law of are being reflected in righteous desires and righteous conduct.

On the other hand the innate sin principle is striving to entice, overpower and rules, in order to produce unrighteous desires and conduct.

These two principles- the principle of innate righteousness and the principle of innate sin- are constantly struggling within us. Which is stronger?

In Romans 7:21-8:2 Paul gives us a remarkable insight into the internal workings of these principles- a kind of spiritual psychology. Nowhere else in Scripture do we find such a deep insight into the heart of a believer.

- 3. The third motif in this aspect of Paul's teaching may be expressed in the statement : We are to live in a new relationship to the Law God.**

Although God's perfect Law of righteousness is being written into our hearts so that it is becoming part of our very nature, this does not mean that we can dispense with, or set-aside, the objective standard of righteousness and simply and passively let the Holy Spirit write God's will upon our hearts.

Rather, we are called to active obedience to the revealed will of God for our obedience. How can we obey if there is no command or requirement? We are called upon to offer our faculties as instruments of righteousness; What does God want to do with those faculties? We are called upon to live not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit; this involves denying expression to certain specific forms of sin and giving expression to certain specific forms of righteousness.