

WEEK 6 – PURSUIT OF SALVATION

Day 1 – Salvation from Ourselves



Read what? Romans 7:15–22



What?

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what?

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



Now what?

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

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In Proverbs, the Bible says, “As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a man returns to his own sin.” This is accurate. We are often our own worst enemies. We sin. We are often our own worst critic. Our brains regularly play tricks on us. We find ourselves in the same situations over and over again, and sometimes we begin to feel complacent with it. We begin to feel comfortable with the filth we live in. That’s a dangerous place to be in. If we are all honest with ourselves, we have all been in the exact same place that Paul was in in Romans chapter 7: “I do what I don’t want to do.” But praise be to God because of what Jesus has done.

Christ has set us free from the slavery of the law. We are no longer trapped by the idea that we need to do enough good things to gain God’s approval. Jesus has made you perfect by His sacrifice on the cross. We no longer

need to feel a compulsion to do what is right. Rather, in response to God's great love, we can respond to Him by following His commands. Not out of a sense of obligation but rather, out of love. If we truly love Jesus, then we will desire to do what He asks us to do.

A husband doesn't love his wife because she does all the things on his checklist, and a wife doesn't love her husband because he is able to accomplish all of his tasks. That's not how relationships work, especially our relationship with God. God desires our hearts first. And when our hearts are in the right place, our lives seem to just fall in to place.

Study Questions:

1. According to this passage, what good do we have in and of ourselves?
2. Can you think of a story in the Bible when there was another person who was a "good guy," but he or she made mistakes? What happened?

Application Questions:

1. What comfort do you take from the idea that Jesus came to save us from ourselves?
2. In what areas of your life do you feel like you are where Paul is? What sin do you keep coming back to? What are you going to do about that?