

THE DARK POWER WITHIN  
Romans 7:13-25

- I. THE DECLARATION OF SIN'S PRACTICES (vv. 13-20)
  - A. Sin Is a Confusing Force (vv. 13-15)—*For I do not understand my own actions...*(v. 15)
  - B. Sin Is a Corrupting Force (vv. 16-17)—*sin that dwells within me* (v. 17)
  - C. Sin Is a Controlling Force (vv. 18-20)—*For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out* (v. 18)
  
- II. THE DESCRIPTION OF SIN'S PRINCIPLE (vv. 21-23)
  - A. Resists Godly Deeds (v. 21)—*when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.*
  - B. Resists Godly Delight (vv. 22-23)—*For I delight in the law of God...but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind...*
  
- III. THE DELIVERANCE OVER SIN'S POWER (vv. 24-25)
  - A. Be Reliant upon Christ (vv. 24-25a)
    - 1. A Helpless Plea—*Who will deliver me...?*
    - 2. A Hopeful Praise—*Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*
  - B. Be Realistic about the Conflict (v. 25b)