

A New Battle
Romans 7:14-25

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As men and women we were uniquely created in the image of God. We are complex beings. We each possess a body, a mind, and a spirit. As His special creation, we were made to live forever with God.

However, because of Adam, everything changed. In Adam, we have inherited a sinful nature and spiritual death. It is only through Christ that we can receive a new nature and be restored to spiritual life. There still remains one major issue. We still live in a mortal body.

In today's study, we will learn that a genuine believer has a new spiritual nature, but it is trapped in an old sinful body.

LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .

➔ *Every genuine believer is engaged in a spiritual battle that involves one's body, mind, and spirit.*

1. Every believer must battle with the _____ (v. 14-15).

1 Pt. 2:11; Gal. 5:16-17;

2. Every believer must learn how to _____ (v. 16-23).

- **Spirit:** _____ the guidance of the Spirit (v. 16-20).
- **Body:** _____ the desires of the flesh (v. 21).
- **Mind:** _____ the thoughts of the mind (v. 22-23).

Heb. 10:16; Gal. 5:25; Eph. 3:16; Jm. 4:7b; Eph. 6:10-17; Rm. 8:5-8; 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Ps. 119:11, 105

3. Every believer must fight to the _____ (v. 24-25).

1 Tm. 6:12a; 2 Tm. 4:7

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .

- ✓ *What _____ battle are you fighting today?*
- ✓ *What is the _____ leading you to do?*