

Romans 6:13+14 When we were still sinners, in God's eyes, (19)

the power of sin was stronger than our ability to overcome it. But in the moment we first believed, the Holy Spirit was implanted in our body. And He being greater and stronger than all things lets us become stronger than the power of sin. So now if we sin it's because we "give any part of [ourselves] to serve sin", or we "let any part of [ourselves] be used to do evil". (instead of letting the Holy Spirit battle the old sin nature). (note: the battle goes on between our old sin nature and our new glorified Godly nature until over time the old nature has been purged to basically non-existent. Even to some of God's greatest Disciples and Apostles: Jump to Romans 7:15-24 (note that even after 23 years of solid ministry Paul still is being attacked by doubt. (My timeline belief))

37 A.D. Converted, 40 A.D. completion of Apprenticeship, 11 years teaching the Gospel in Tarsis and then Nician Council given the right hand of fellowship which brings us to 51 A.D., writes I+II Thessalonians 54 A.D., writes Galatians 58 A.D., writes I Corinthians 59 A.D., writes II Corinthians 60 A.D. also writes Romans 60 A.D. (this is his 6th Book @ 23 years in to his ministry) over the next @ 6 years he will write:

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, I Timothy, Titus, and finally II Timothy. When his Epistles of the Lord Jesus Christ were 100% complete he was martyred.

- I believe this to be crucial information! We need to understand even God's best struggled with doubts about their "performance and mindset" as a child of God! And maybe God allows that so that we have those conversations with Him where we say, "I believe, help my unbelief". (14) Just a reminder that even though the old sin nature still has remnants in us, God controls it!

Romans 15-18 We are all slaves to something. Slave's meaning "Submission". Our boss at work, our teacher, our spouse, our lifestyle and in our salvation especially.

Before we were saved we were in submission to death by our sin. Now that we are saved we are in submission to our Master who defeated sin & death. (18) We have been set free from the curse of death because of sin.

Romans 6:19-23 read in full with the understanding of what we just discerned.

Romans 7:1-3: an example of law (legalism) in marriage.

Romans 7:4-6: Again, the Law, and the prophets, were never implemented as a means to earn/work your way to salvation. They were a perfect standard that was impossible to achieve. They were designed to bring the nation of Israel to the knowledge that they needed a Redeemer, a Savior, to fulfill the whole Law. No one was ever saved (except Jesus) for keeping the Law. All have always been saved by Faith in the One who created the Law.

Romans 7:7-13 The "Law" (10 Commandments written on stone) and the ordinances written and interpreted by man were a whole bunch of "Do nots" that existed so that anarchy would not prevail and so that consciences could discern right from wrong.

Romans 7:14-24 covered a couple of minutes ago on study page 19.

Romans 7:25 "I give thanks to God who saves me".... "Through Jesus Christ" THAT IS THE MINDSET PAUL ENDS WITH! When those times of doubt of being in God's will come around just repeat those 2 sentences till they vanish.

Romans 8 overview: This is the Power of the Holy Spirit that lives within us and His attributes Chapter.

Romans 8:1-2 First of all because of our faith in the finished work of the cross we are no longer condemned. To make this a binding guarantee God has placed within us the Holy Spirit (of promise).

Romans 8:3-4 We couldn't be/live perfectly according to God's law, so Jesus did. He did so in our place.

Romans 8:4+5 "Should no longer control", "So don't live under control of the sin" - we have a choice, we can look inside ourselves to the Holy Spirit for help.