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The Heart of the Problem

Romans 7:13-20

*The heart of the problem is **indwelling sin**.*

I. *The problem is outside the law (13-16)*

- A. A **Lethal** Enemy (13)
- B. A Frustrating Position (14)
- C. A **Raging** Battle (15)
- D. A Certain Conclusion (16)

II. *The problem is inside you (17-20)*

- A. A **Resident** Enemy (17)
- B. A Helpless Position (18a)
- C. A **Raging** Battle (18b-19)
- D. A Certain Conclusion (20)

Jesus alone is the answer to indwelling sin (7:25)

Discussion Points:

1. Do believers and unbelievers view the problem of sin differently? How so?
2. We are in Christ, but we still have sinful bodies. Why do you think God has allowed us to remain in our fleshly bodies for a time?
3. According to Romans 8:6 and Galatians 5:16, how does one gain victory over the desires of the flesh? What does this look like in everyday life?
4. In Romans 13:14, Paul warns us to “make no provision for the flesh.” What does this mean? How can you practically obey this command?
5. What does the hymn writer mean by the words “He breaks the power of cancelled sin”? Have you seen this reality in your own life since your salvation?
6. Some Christians believe that it is possible to achieve “complete sanctification” while still living here on earth. How would you respond to them? What Scriptures might you direct their attention to?