

A New Life for People Accepting God

Romans 5:1-8:39

Romans 7

Romans 7:5-13

Paul believed and observed these things about himself

7:5 “we *were* in the flesh” unredeemed

7:6 “we *have been* released”
discharged of the old nature

Romans 7:7, 8, 11

*Through the Law Paul discovered his situation –
dead; the **power of sin** had moved him
away from God*

Romans 7:14

For we know that the Law is *spiritual*...

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words

states, “pneumatikos always connotes the ideas of *invisibility and of power*.”

It does not occur in the Septuagint
nor in the Gospels;
it is in fact an after-Pentecost word.”

spiritual... as used by Paul

1 Corinthians 2:15 ...a believer ruled by the *invisible and powerful* things of God can judge the actual worth of all things. *In contrast...*

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 ...a believer who does not recognize the *invisible and powerful* things of God must be spoken to as an infant in their understanding of Christ. This believer is not ready for the *invisible and powerful* things of God.

spiritual... as used by Paul

Colossians 1:9 ...we ...ask that you *may be filled* with the knowledge of God's will in all *invisible and powerful* wisdom and understanding

Paul uses of the word *spiritual* to suggest there is a difference, but not a fixed awareness, between the person who walks by the Spirit *and* the infant in Christ

Romans 7:14 *spiritual...*

Paul had come to realize the Law represents an
invisible and powerful God to a
people looking for Him

The tablets of stone, the laws themselves, are
not *invisible and powerful*.

However, **they are an invitation
to know the *invisible and powerful* One**

Romans 13:8-10

Paul became convinced *the Law is love in action,*
and since it is the invisible and powerful God
who is love...

...the Law is also spiritual because it is
love in action

Romans 9:27-10:4

Israel made great efforts for righteousness,
but never attained it. Why?

Because their efforts were not based upon faith
in an *invisible and powerful* God to keep His
promises

They assumed God *would keep His promises
based upon their good deeds*

Romans 7:14-25

Paul observed an invisible war upon himself

7:14-15 *flesh* being *an infant in Christ*
governed by sin (noun) 1 Corinthians 3:1

7:17 *it* is exposed as *a war against my mind*, 7:23

The evil thoughts are **not generated by me**, 7:17

*Evil thoughts originate from somewhere
in the members of my body*, verse 23