

# INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

## PORTRAIT OF A STRUGGLING CHRISTIAN

### ROMANS 7



### The Heart of the Matter

Let's face it: every one of us who knows Christ as Savior has been torn within while fighting battles of the flesh. We feel frustrated and are occasionally defeated in that struggle. We realize we have God's power within us, and we know that His Spirit is at work, prompting us to do what is right — but we still do wrong. Knowing we should obey, we disobey. Wanting to think, say, and do what is best, we covertly rebel. We're not short on desire to do what is best, but when it comes to pulling it off, *we blow it!* Paul, speaking for all of us, brought this truth out of the closet and exposed it for what it is: SIN. In this message, we'll face that monster head-on.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Theoretically, Here's Where We Stand (Romans 6:1–7:13)

Christians have been freed from sin's dominion, and so we are relieved from the rules and regulations of the Mosaic Law.

#### 2. Experientially, Here's Why We Struggle (Romans 7:14–25)

As Christians, we must acknowledge the presence of our sinful desires, admit the presence of a battle raging within us, and accept the inevitable failure that comes with living in our fleshly desires.

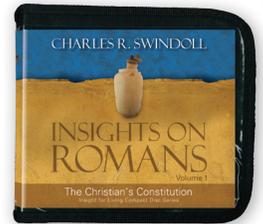


### Starting Your Journey

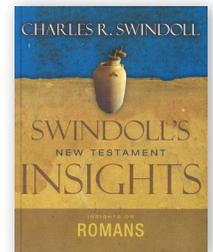
In response to the truth of our sinfulness, we must freely say we don't understand everything, fully accept that nothing good dwells in our flesh, always leave room for imperfection in ourselves and others, and openly admit our true feelings of frustration.



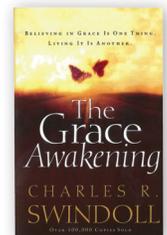
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