

PAX ROMANA

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Our Struggle With Sin! (Part 2)

Romans 7.15-25

“Once you’ve figured out that life really does have this equation...doing wrong when you want to do right, and vice versa...you begin to also understand that either side of the equation can drive you quite mad!”

**THE DR. JEKYLL AND
MR. HYDE DILEMMA!**

**Becoming a Christ-follower does change your nature,
not your humanity!**

The **BATTLE** of Sin is REAL

Who can understand the human heart? There is nothing else so deceitful; it is too sick to be healed.

Jeremiah 17.9 (GNT)

The **TEMPTATION** of Sin is REAL

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

Jesus—Matthew 26.41 (NIV)

The **POTENTIAL** to fall to Sin is REAL

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Jesus—Matthew 6.13 (KJV)

Why Don't I Have More Self-Control?

Fighting the 'Internal Battle' within ones self:

A) Try to **RESIST**
- (change by sheer willpower – self-help)

B) Try to **REFUSE**
- (denial—pretend its OK)

Fighting the 'Internal Battle' within God's self:

*“... sin as an occupying power in our humanity
is more decisive than our willingness to obey ...”*

William M. Greathouse

C) Get **RESCUED**
- (I'm drowning—God's plan of redemption)