## The Believer and Indwelling Sin, Part 2 John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 7:14-25.

B. A true Christian feels sensitive to sin. (Ephesians 4:30, 1 Peter 3:10, 1 Corinthians 9:27, Jeremiah 5, Psalm 51, Hebrews 12, 1 Corinthians 3, 2 Timothy 2:21, 1 Corinthians 6, Psalm 42:1)

C. The redeemed man hates every false way. (Psalm 119)

II. Paul's first lament.

A. Condition: the law of God is spiritual, but the flesh is still carnal. There is still struggle. (Philippians 3:12)

B. Proof of that condition: we do what we do not want to do.

C. Source of that condition: sin causes the struggle within, not the redeemed person. (1 John 1:10; Psalm 38:18; 97:10)

III. Paul's second lament: the source of sin is in the flesh (unredeemed mortality).

IV. Paul's third lament.

A. Condition: evil is at hand whenever good is done.

B. Proof: he delights in the law but is unable to fulfill it. (Psalm 119:111)

C. Source of the condition: one's humanness. (2 Corinthians 10:3; Psalm 6; 38)

V. We look forward to the day when Jesus Christ will change our body and free us from sin.

## **Application Questions:**

1. Why is it important to understand the source of sin as a believer?

2. How does the law function with regard to a person's sin and holiness according to Paul?

3. What is the final solution for the sin problem? Explain.