HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Redemption in Romans – Part 8

The Man of Romans 7

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are continuing a fascinating new series on Redemption in Romans. Our topic for this study: The Man of Romans 7.

New Scripture Song: Romans 8:28, 31-32

Prayer

1) Key passage in Paul's epistle to the Romans
   a) Romans 7 is a key passage in this letter to Christians in Rome. A key question arises: is the struggle described in Romans 7 that of an individual before conversion or after conversion? Or perhaps both. And is Paul writing about his own spiritual struggle or the struggle that each individual faces? Or perhaps both!
   b) Whatever we conclude, this is certainly an important part of our study of Redemption in Romans.
2) Bound to the law
   a) Romans 7:1-6
   b) What is Paul's argument here?
   c) Does serving in the newness of the Spirit mean that we can disregard the commandments of God?
   d) What is the oldness of the letter?
3) Is the law sin?
   a) Romans 7:7 This seems like a strange question to ask. Let's follow Paul's logic in the verses that follow.
   b) Romans 7:8-11
   c) Is Paul blaming the law for provoking sinful behavior?
4) Just and holy and good
   a) Romans 7:12
   b) This text seems strangely out of place. Why is Paul inspired by the Spirit to include this important affirmation as part of his discussion about salvation?
   c) If the law is not the problem, what is the problem? Romans 7:13-15
   d) What has been your own experience with how sin enslaves?
   e) Have you ever played with sin thinking that you could keep it under control under to discover that your life slipped out of control?
5) The struggle against sin
   a) Romans 7:16-25
   b) Does the unconverted individual experience this struggle?
   c) Does the converted individual experience this struggle?
   d) Should we expect victories over self and sin as followers of Jesus? How should we respond if we are not seeing those victories in our lives?
   e) What important lesson can you apply to your life as a result of this study?