The Holy Spirit: The Law of the Spirit

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Romans 7:15-8:4

"Romans 7 describes what happens in a <u>believer's</u> life when he/she is not controlled by the Holy Spirit."
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Why?

1. Context = Chapters 6, 7, 8 – describe a person after he/she is justified (whereas chapters 1,2,3 describes a person who is unsaved)
2. Romans 7:22 – someone who delights in the law of the Lord; that kind of person describes a believer

A. The Conflict/Struggle:

A conflict between Paul (new nature) and Saul (old nature). Before saved, there is only one nature with a bit of a conflict with conscience.

Flesh= (h) self Wretched but desires victory "Bop Beezer Butz" – struggle

B. Solution to the Struggle: The control of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life.

Law = principle of the Spirit (not law of Moses)

Example: principle/law of gravity, principle/law of the right hand

Law/principle of the Spirit makes us free from the law/principle of sin and death. In a Christian's life, now there is another law/principle that overcomes the other law that is at work too.

…that the law of the Spirit might be met IN us (not by us)… His love, His joy, His peace, His character is produced IN me, not by me…. Galatians 2:20-21 – "His faithfulness"

*It's no longer the frustration of trying and failing. It's trusting the Holy Spirit to do **IN** me what cannot be done **by** me. How? Through the filling of the Spirit. (listen to next sermon)*