

The Law of Sin

Sermon Topic: The Law of Sin

Bible Verse: Romans 7:21-23

Sermon Theme: Defining and examining our fallen nature and the contradictions in our life.

Main idea: First, describe the origin of the contradiction in man (as in the beginning of the Consummation lecture). The original fall is ultimately the cause of the battle that Paul refers to in Romans 7:21. But how can we describe this “law of sin” or nature of sin?

1. Self interest (actually fallen nature number one, but simpler wording is better). Give example of self interest. For instance, we only love those who do good to us, but Jesus said to love your enemy; or we have a tendency to become so righteous about things that affect us directly. We must overcome this sinful nature by doing as Jesus exemplified on the cross. Unconditional love: love neighbor, love enemy, pray for those who do evil to you.
2. Self glorification (fallen nature number two). We replace God’s love with false gods. Letting other things define me, or seeking my self identity from things other my relationship with God. Things such as fad, fashion, power, money, fame, praise, or what people think about me. We must maintain a relationship with God to find the unchanging source of our identity.
3. Self gratification (fallen nature number three). Our flesh priorities outweigh our spirit priorities. There are many examples!
4. Self justification (fallen nature number four). Sin increases by transferring blame as Adam and Eve did in the garden. Sin is the beginning of bad habit.

Summary:

The life of Jesus is the model for overcoming the law of sin and purifying ourselves. Or you could use the story of Job as an example of a man who subjugated fallen nature.