

"NO REGRETS" ROMANS 7

"A person has to be careful about things he might regret years from now." Linus (Peanuts)

- "The trouble is with me, because I am sold into slavery with sin as my master.

...Sin found a way to pervert the command into a temptation, making it a piece of forbidden fruit...Sin did what sin is so famous for doing; using the good as a cover to tempt me to do what would finally destroy me...

the power of sin keeps sabotaging my best intentions."

V 8,13,17 Message Bible

- "Sin has ruined men, ruined women, ruined angels. Sin has occasioned every tear of sorrow, every sigh of grief, every pang of agony. Sin has withered everything that is fair, blasted everything that is good, made bitter everything that is sweet, dried up springs of comfort, rolled far and wide tides of sorrow. Sin has dug every grave, built every coffin, even every shroud, enlarged every cemetery . . . that the world has ever seen." Robert E. Lee

- To be a DECENT HUMAN BEING having a minimum of regrets in life. Sin that makes such a mess of things is impossible for us to avoid. The only real answer to the power of sin is the Lord Jesus. By his Spirit he is a freeing and transforming power in our life.

NOT US. The first thing we do about sin is to recognize that it is an alien presence which has invaded our soul, like a cancer or a counterfeit of the real person I am.

"But if I am not really the one doing it, the sin within me is doing it." V 20

JESUS sets us free from sin's power.

"Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? Thank God the answer is Jesus Christ our Lord...So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death (the death of everything good and beautiful and desirable and decent)."

- V24- 8:1-2