

Goshen Primitive Baptist Church Bulletin

Man's Carnal Problem

Romans 7:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." God's law is spiritual because it was given by the Spirit of God. Although every child of God is freed from the penalty of sin, sin is still very much a part of their lives. The problem with keeping the law is not that the law is spiritual; the problem is that I am carnal. Paul did not say that in times past I was carnal, but rather said, that "I am carnal." Trying to keep a spiritual law through the works of the flesh is an impossible task. Our flesh is under the bondage of sin.

What we have in the next few verses is a clash of two natures, Spirit versus flesh. Please read Romans 7:15-23. When someone is born of the Spirit, there is a desire to do good. We have a want to, but not a will do. That desire is in our mind. However, to expect that our flesh will work things out based on the obedience of the flesh to carry it out, creates an impossible task. The results of our efforts in the flesh are just the opposite of what we in our mind want to do: "for what I would, that do I not: but what I hate, that do I." How many times has each of us resolved to keep the commandments of God only to find that we end up breaking those commandments? It is a times such as these that I often think "what is wrong with me?"

We have just gone through the tradition of making resolutions on New Year's Day. The results of these efforts are that before the end of January almost all who made resolutions will have broken those resolutions. If the flesh cannot keep carnal resolutions, then how would we hope to be able to keep spiritual laws through the works of the flesh?

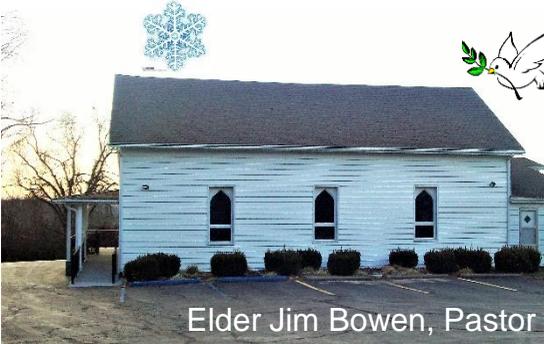
If we would step back and have a reality check we would realize that we are losing the battle with sin. When this happens time and time again (and it does) I come to a point where I fully understand Paul's outcry, Romans 7:24 "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Here is a child of God, serving as well as anyone could expect. If those who have already been given eternal life and born of the Spirit cannot keep the law to perfection, then how could one possible believe that a person who has not been born of the Spirit and is dead in trespasses and sins can keep the law to perfection and thereby help God save them? This is not a peaceful feeling.

What can be done? I close with good news. Through Jesus Christ there is deliverance. Romans 7:25 "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." When we are brought to a place where our faith embraces the truth of Jesus Christ's work in saving His people from their sin, we find true peace. There is no peace under the law. There is peace in knowing by faith that we are in Christ. Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." There is peace in knowing by faith that all for whom Christ bled and died for shall be saved. Romans 5:9 "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." And finally there is peace in knowing by faith that Jesus Christ has saved us. Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ". Our carnal problem will not last, His peace will last eternally.



JANUARY 14, 2018

Attendance 39



Elder Jim Bowen, Pastor

Brother Myron Helms spoke to the children about snowflakes. He told them no one snowflake was alike. BUT, when they all fall together you can do fun things with them by making snowmen, snowball fights, and snow angels.



People are the same. No one person is just like another. BUT, when we all come together we make a church. We use our talents God gives us to do different things to honor God.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 01-21 - Breakfast With The Lord @ 8:45 a.m.
- 01-28 - Circle Prayer Service @ 9:10 a.m.
- 01-28 - Bible Study Class @ 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01-21 - Brenda Austin
- 01-21 - Brian Sapp
- 01-22 - Chris Bennett
- 01-24 - Cray Estes



Prayers:
GOSHEN CHURCH
JAMES 5:16
PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER
Jackson Fischer
Elder Steve Flowers
Justin John
Cathy Wilkinson
Danny Sapp
Shirley Calvin, Pat Waller
Esther "Janie" Lewis
*Those In The Nursing Homes
& Health Care Facilities
Our Military and Military Families*

Sweetheart Banquet February 11, 2018 5:00 p.m.

