

## SERMON SUMMARY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5 2020

Romans 7:14-25

The wretched man knows right from \_\_\_\_\_. He knows God's Law.

Martin Luther summed it up with the phrase simul justus et peccator: at the same time, you are both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a sinner.

Daily, you're still tempted to \_\_\_\_\_ in thought, word and deed. Daily, you do so.

No one is exempt—apart from Christ and His grace, we are all \_\_\_\_\_, with bodies of death.

First: Christianity is not about becoming less and less \_\_\_\_\_.

Christianity is about \_\_\_\_\_.

He calls himself a wretched man who needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ from his body of death.

By the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, they can overcome a lot of sinful habits, behaviors and the like.

But here's the thing: does this make them less sinful? \_\_\_\_\_.

Being a Christian is not about becoming less and less sinful. It's about repentance and \_\_\_\_\_.

Several times in the New Testament, the distinction is made between "\_\_\_\_\_" and "flesh."

To say that the body is expendable is to offend the \_\_\_\_\_ who became flesh to save flesh.

Furthermore, to excuse sins of the flesh is to destroy your \_\_\_\_\_ and invite God's judgment.

Third: a warning. Do not let this passage serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ for your old, sinful flesh.

This text clearly never tells you that sin is \_\_\_\_\_ if you can't help it. It never says that you should stop trying to keep God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

Instead, the Law in this passage \_\_\_\_\_ your sin even more.

As long as you are in this world, you are both saint and \_\_\_\_\_.

But let your sins be to you a confirmation that God's Law is \_\_\_\_\_—that it speaks the truth when it says that you are sinful, a body of death and cannot \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

But then rejoice: God \_\_\_\_\_ you, through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### ***Questions***

1. What does it mean that you are a saint and a sinner?
2. What is Christianity all about?
3. What did Jesus Christ do for you because you are a sinner?
4. Can you earn your own forgiveness by what you do?
5. Any questions or comments about this sermon?