

“Why We Need a Savior”

Rom. 7:18-25

Introduction

- I. Paul described the battle that exists in man.
- II. Even though we fight, we still succumb to temptations.
- III. Man cannot save himself, alone!

Discussion

- I. Man has a major problem with sin.
 - A. What is sin (“to miss the mark; 1 John 3:4; 5:17; Rom. 14:23)?
 - B. When we sin, we go against God (Gen. 39:9; Psm. 51:4).
 - C. Sinning is following Satan and not God (1 John 3:8; John 8:44).
 - D. The consequences of sin are dire (Rom. 1:32; 6:23; Rev. 21:8).
- II. Man cannot dictate how to save himself from sin.
 - A. Man does not determine how to be righteous, God does (Matt. 5:20; Rom. 9:30-32; 10:2-3; Phil. 3:9; Titus 3:5).
 - B. Jesus provided a way for man to be righteous (Rom. 5:17-21; 1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 1:11).
 - C. It is man's responsibility to accept the terms of righteousness (Rom. 1:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:16-6:2; Eph. 4:24; Gal. 3:27).
- III. Man needs to be reconciled to God.
 - A. Thankfully, mankind has a mediator (Isa. 59:2; 1 Tim. 2:5).
 - B. Jesus bore the penalty for the sins of mankind (Isa. 53:5; 1 Pet. 2:24).
 - C. Jesus made it possible for man's salvation (Rom. 3:25-26; Heb. 9:26).

Conclusion

- I. Man needed a savior.
- II. Thankfully we have One, Jesus the Christ (1 John 4:14).