

## PERSONIFICATION OF SIN

In Romans 7, Paul personifies "sin" as a force within the human will that can degrade the character of even a believer. Sin is viewed as an entity within itself that must be defeated and removed.

There is a war within the believer against sin and can only be successfully waged by personal cooperation with the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul says that I find a law, that, when I want to do good, sin is present with me. For in my inner being, I love the law of God, but I see another powerful law within me that is a t war with my mind. This law brings me into the captivity of sin that is still within me. With my mind I serve the law of God but in my flesh the law of sin. Thank God that through Jesus I am rescued through this war and from this life which is dominated by sin and death.

God says that Jesus rescues believers from sin in the flesh by making us free from the law of sin and death. We no longer have to sin due to the power of the Spirit who indwells us. The battle with sin continues until the believer is released from this physical body and is given a new body made in heaven. God has freed the believer through the sinless physical death of Jesus by which sin is condemned to eventual extinction from all creation. Romans 8:1-39