

ROMANS

Changing Your Ways

Romans 7

How we try to change our ways:

1. Fit in. (Romans 7:1-6)

2. Know more. (Romans 7:7-16)

3. Try harder. (Romans 7:17-23)

When you discover your identity in Christ, it changes your ways. (Romans 7:24-25)

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) We often judge others by their actions and ourselves by our intentions. But when we objectively consider our actions, we sometimes find that they contradict our intentions. How do you relate to Paul's explanation of the inner tension between what he does and what he wants to do?
- 2) All of Paul's attempts to change his ways fall short. He exclaims that he is a failure in verse 24. After offering a cry for help, he discovers his new identity in Christ. See Romans 7:24-25 and Acts 9:1-19. Consider what you are basing your identity on. What does it mean to be "in Christ"?
- 3) In Romans 8:1-3, we see how Christ resolves each of the inner conflicts and contradictions that are described in Romans 7. How does your identity in Christ change the motivation for your actions?

Memory Verse

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25a NIV