

**The Christian's Holy War**  
***Romans 7:13-25*** (*pgs. #943-944 in pew Bible*)

***Structure and Exposition***

- 7:13a** Paul raises another question: *Did the Law ("that which is good") bring death?*
- 7:13b** Paul's answer and "umbrella" statement regarding sin as the producer of death (5:12-21).
- 7:14-16** Paul supports this "umbrella" statement regarding sin with personal examples of his holy war within him against his fleshly, sinful nature.
- 7:17** Paul makes a statement about sin's opposition to Christian desires.
- 7:18-20** Paul supports this statement with further personal examples of his holy war against sin.
- 7:21** Paul makes a statement about sin's close proximity within the Christian's desires to do what is right.
- 7:22-24a** Paul supports this statement with further personal examples of his holy war against sin.
- 7:24b-25a** Paul gives an exclamation of lament and praise.
- 7:25b** Paul makes a final, summary statement about the conflict between Christian desires and the desires of our sin nature.

Verses 15-22 and verse 25 are clearly speaking about the holy struggle against sin in the life of every true, born-again Christian.

**These verses are *not* describing the life of an unbeliever!**

***Big Idea: Every Christian disciple is called to wage a holy and victorious war against sin's personal temptations.***

## ***Observations about the Christian's Holy War***

- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- This is not an \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- This is both a \_\_\_\_\_ war and a \_\_\_\_\_ war.
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ yet crucially important war.
- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ war because of Christ!

## ***Implications for Christians***

- 1. This is a great conflict that \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian will engage in.**
- 2. False Christians will either \_\_\_\_\_ to engage in this  
conflict or they will be \_\_\_\_\_ by sin's power.**
- 3. There is \_\_\_\_\_ for true Christians who  
are engaged in this holy war.**

## ***Application for Christians***

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the God-given desire to do what is right.**
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ sin's beckoning to do what is wrong.**
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ your mind daily with the truth of God's Word.**
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ sin's call to fight this war in your own strength.**
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ in God's promise of complete victory and  
glorification.**