

## Week 4

### Discussion – 3 March 2002

#### 1. Arguments re who Paul talking about in Romans 7:7-25?

- Unconverted
  - 'No Spirit'/'no submission'
  - 'In the flesh' v. 14, 18, 25
  - 'Slave to sin' rather than 'slave to Christ' – vv. 14, 23
  - 'Wretched man' / 'living in death'
  - Trying to keep the law—Christians are free
  - 'I am' also works for unconverted (read as 'I was')
- Converted
  - 'I am' – present tense (vv. 13 ff)
  - I 'delight in the law in my inner self' (v. 22)
  - Struggle between flesh and spirit – now and not yet issue (vv. 21ff)
  - Paul's pre-Christian life was not a struggle

#### 2. Options

- Unconverted – 2
- Almost converted – 0 (BH: academically, could be)
- Unspiritual convert – 3 (SG: his own personal experience)
- All Christians – 17 (always struggle with sin; 8:2, 8:13 – put to death misdeeds of the body)
- Everyone – 12 (BH and SG option)

#### 3. Activities of indwelling Holy Spirit

- No condemnation – 1, 33
- Free from the law of sin and death – 2
- Minds are set on what the Spirit desires – life and peace – 5, 6
- Controlled by Spirit rather than sin – 9
- Makes our Spirit and our mortal bodies alive – 10, 11
- Belong to Christ – relationship, sonship, no fear, Abba - 9, 14, 15
- Tells us that we are God's children, heirs and co-heirs with Christ – 16-17
- Share God's suffering and glory – 17, 18
- Groan and wait for adoption – 23
- Helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us – 23
- Saves us – witness that we are saved - 24
- God works in all things for the good of those who love him – 28
- Conforms us to the likeness of God's son - 31
- Reward – God will give us all things –32
- Never separated from his love – 35
- Confidence and courage – 37-38