

# UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE ARE DOING

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Romans 7:5-25

# Romans 7:5-6

- **Law arouses sinful passions**
  - Bears fruit to death
  
- **After baptism**
  - Died to Law
  - No longer serve according to the letter
  - Serve by Spirit

## Romans 7:7-8

- Law lets us know what is sin according to God
- If there was no Law, nothing would be labelled as wrong, so there would be no sin
- Sin uses commands of the Law to cause us to have “all manner of evil desire”

## Romans 7:9-11

- Commandment labelled sinful actions which lead to death
- Law supposed to point to life, but instead it leads to death
- Sin used the opportunity given by the Law to deceive and kill

# Romans 7:12

- The Law is good - reflects God and His holy standards
- Problem is Law does not give us power

## Romans 7:13

- Sin brings death
- Sin produces death to demonstrate how terrible sin is

# Romans 7:14-20

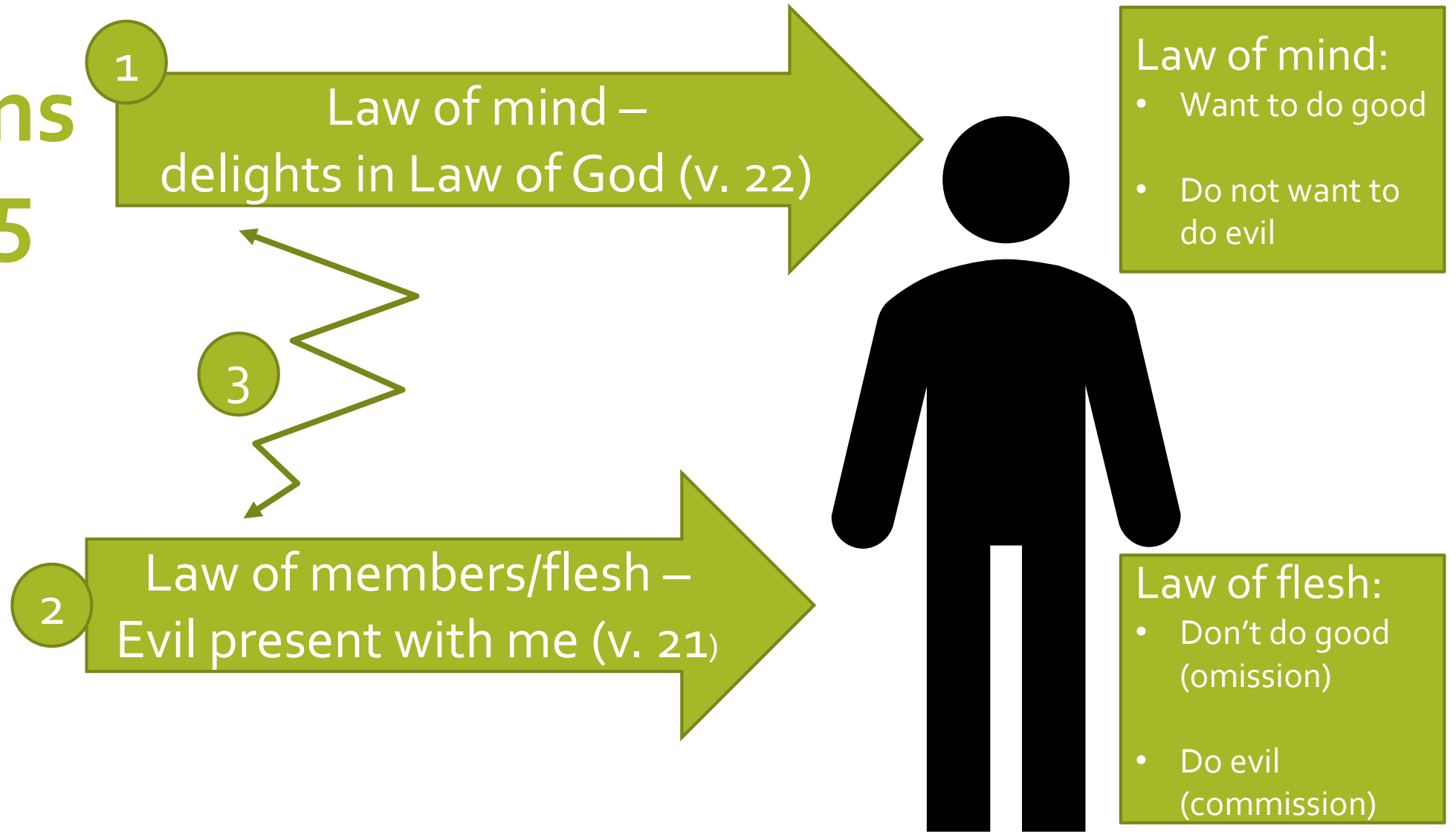
	Good	Evil	Conclusion
Mind (Inner Man)	Wants	Hates	Agree Law is right
Flesh (Members)	Doesn't do	Does	Sin lives in me

## Romans 7:14-20

- “how to perform what is good I do not find” (7:18) even though the will to do good is there
- The control to do what is righteous is provided by the mind; our thoughts power self-control



# Romans 7:21-25



# Romans 7:24

- Wretched condition
- “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matt. 26:31).

# James 1:14-15

- Desire (Greek *epithumia*) = strong desire and intense craving for something
- Can be used for good desires as well as negative
- Negative uses refer to gratifying sensual cravings, desiring the forbidden, loving for evil, striving for things, persons, experiences contrary to will of God (Spirit Filled Life Bible, NKJV, p. 1855)

Conception ->	Gestation ->	Birth ->	Growth or Maintenance ->	Death
Enticed by desire (contrary to God)	Development of the desire	Sinful act	Continue in sin	Judgment of God
<b>Desire comes to life</b>			<b>If sin in one area, why not sin in another</b>	
Can be something small – just something we see, something someone says, etc.	Consider, dwell on, and nurture desire, look for ways to justify the desire	Satisfy the desire for what is evil	Don't, won't, or can't stop the sin	Too late
Body wants something and idea catches in the mind	War between body and mind (Romans 7:23)	Body brings mind into captivity to sin	Mind completely succumbs to sin and nurtures its growth	No more chances to repent
Pray (Matt 6:13; 26:31; Luke 22:40; James 4:2-3)	Be guided by Spirit (Gal. 5:16)	need for repentance and a return to the narrow path that leads to life	repentance needed to escape captivity to sin	Death spread to all men because all sin (Ro. 5:12)
Be alert (1 Peter 5:7)	Put on armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18)	Repent (Acts 3:19)	Sin shall not have dominion (Ro. 6:14)	Wages of sin is death (Ro. 6:23)
No provision (Ro. 13:14)	Submit to God; Resist the devil (James 4:7)	God commands all the repent (Acts 17:30-31)		
Hide word in heart (Ps. 119:11)				
Resist (1 Peter 5:8); Flee (1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Tim. 2:22)	Take way out (1 Cor 10:13)			
Draw near to God; Purify heart (James 4:8)				