



Wretched

Romans 7:24, 25— **O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.**

Revelation 3:15-19— “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ --and **do not know that you are wretched**, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and **anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.”

Matthew 26:31-35— Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of Me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto Him, **Though all men shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended.** Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto Him, **Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny Thee.** Likewise also said all the disciples.

John 21:15-17— So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [agape] Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love [phileo] You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [agape] Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love [phileo] You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [phileo] Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love [phileo] Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love [phileo] You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

Luke 22:32— But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and **when you are converted, strengthen your brethren.**

In summary—Romans 7:23, 24

Wretched—5005 talaiporov talaiporos {tal-ah'-ee-po-ros}

AV - wretched 2; 2

- 1) enduring toils and troubles
- 2) afflicted, wretched

Love—25 agapaw agapao {ag-ap-ah'-o}

AV - love 135, beloved 7; 142

- 1) of persons
 - 1a) to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly
 - 2) of things
 - 2a) to be well pleased, to be

5368 filew phileo {fil-eh'-o}

- 1) to love
 - 1a) to approve of
 - 1b) to like
 - 1c) sanction
 - 1d) to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, befriend
- 2) to show signs of love
 - 2a) to kiss
- 3) to be fond of doing
 - 3a) be wont, use to do



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Romans chapter 7 is not a stand alone chapter but part of a fuller picture of the Christian experience. Verses 23 and 24 supply the answer to the the laodicean need to perceive their “wretchedness.” The realization or our wretchedness calls the converted believer to thank God for Jesus Christ. This is because conversion is a daily, hourly, moment by moment growing experience that is not complete until we see as we are seen and know as we are known. The closer the revelation we have of who we are in the light of God’s love the more we come to realize the depth of our own wretchedness. The more we accept our wretchedness in the light of God’s love and acceptance the more God works through us to minister to other broken hearts.

Notes—

“The disciples that Jesus called were uneducated, and were far from being perfect in character when Jesus united them with Himself; but they were willing to learn from the greatest Teacher the world ever knew. **They were truly converted men,** and became the new bottles into which Jesus could pour the new wine of His kingdom. But though they were converted to Christ, yet, because of their limited earthly comprehension--the result of the teaching they had had from the Jews--they were unable fully to understand the spiritual nature of the truth He could impart. The burden of His instruction was the necessity of His followers having pure and holy hearts, for holiness alone would fit them to become subjects of His heavenly kingdom” (*Lift Him Up*, p. 259).

“Brethren, you are required to exemplify the truth in your life. But those who think that they have a work to do to teach others the truth are not all converted, and sanctified by the truth. Some have erroneous ideas of what constitutes a Christian and of the means through which a firm religious experience is obtained; much less do they understand the qualifications that God requires His ministers to possess. These men are unsanctified. They have occasionally a flight of feeling, which gives them the impression that they are indeed children of God. This dependence upon impressions is one of the special deceptions of Satan. Those who are thus exercised make their religion a matter of circumstance. Firm principle is wanting. None are living Christians unless they have a daily experience in the things of God and daily practice self-denial, cheerfully bearing the cross and following Christ. Every living Christian will advance daily in the divine life. **As he advances toward perfection, he experiences a conversion to God every day; and this conversion is not completed**



until he attains to perfection of Christian character, a full preparation for the finishing touch of immortality.” (2T 505).

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