Sermon Outline

First Baptist Church
September 17, 2017 (Morning)

"The Believer's Journey Across the Darkness"
Romans 7:14-8:2

I. Although it makes us aware of sin, the Law is not the <u>cause</u> of sin (vs. 14-17).

II. Although we have been redeemed, there is a part of us that is still <u>wicked</u> (vs. 18-20).

III. Although the redeemed have been given victory over sin, the battle to not sin still <u>rages</u> onward (vs. 21-24).

VI. Jesus Christ, who is our <u>Judge</u>, is also our <u>Deliverer</u> (vs. 7:25-8:2).

Scripture References and Notes

John 14:15
"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 14:21
He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

John 14:23-24
23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

1 John 5:2-3
2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

Romans 8:9-10
9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

I find then a law - I am in such a condition and state of soul, under the power of such habits and sinful propensities, that when I would do good - when my will and reason are strongly bent on obedience to the law of God and opposition to the principle of sin, evil is present with me, κακον παρακειται, evil is at hand, it lies constantly before me.
– Adam Clarke