

Study Guide for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Battle Revisited. Romans 7:21-25

Introduction: What comes to your mind when asked to consider a **famous battle**?

I. The Conflict: (Romans 7:21-23)

- A. What are the different meanings of the word **law** which Paul uses in these verses?
- B. What does Paul discover (vs. 21)? How does he describe the conflict (vs. 22-23)?
- C. What are the different spheres of influence where the conflict takes place?
- D. What happens in Paul's **mind**? What happens in the **members** of Paul's body?
- E. When have you had a similar experience? Describe a situation you wrestled with.

II. The Conclusion: (Romans 7:24)

- A. What conclusion does Paul draw about himself?
- B. Note how the word **wretched** or **miserable** is used in . . .
  - 1) Rom. 3:16:
  - 2) James 5:1:
  - 3) Rev. 3:17:
- C. When has your struggle with sin left you feeling miserable?
- D. What question does Paul ask?
- E. What do you think Paul means when he refers to **this body of death**?

III. The Confession: (Romans 7:25a)

- A. To whom does Paul express his thanks?
- B. For whom is Paul thankful? Why is Paul so thankful?
- C. What has deepened your appreciation for the liberation you receive through Christ?

IV. The Past Conditions: (Romans 7:25b)

- A. How does Paul describe his inner condition (what he does with his mind)?
- B. How does Paul his fleshly condition (what he does with the members of his body)?
- C. When do you think Paul experienced this? (Note Rom. 6:1-4, 11-14, 17-18 & 22)