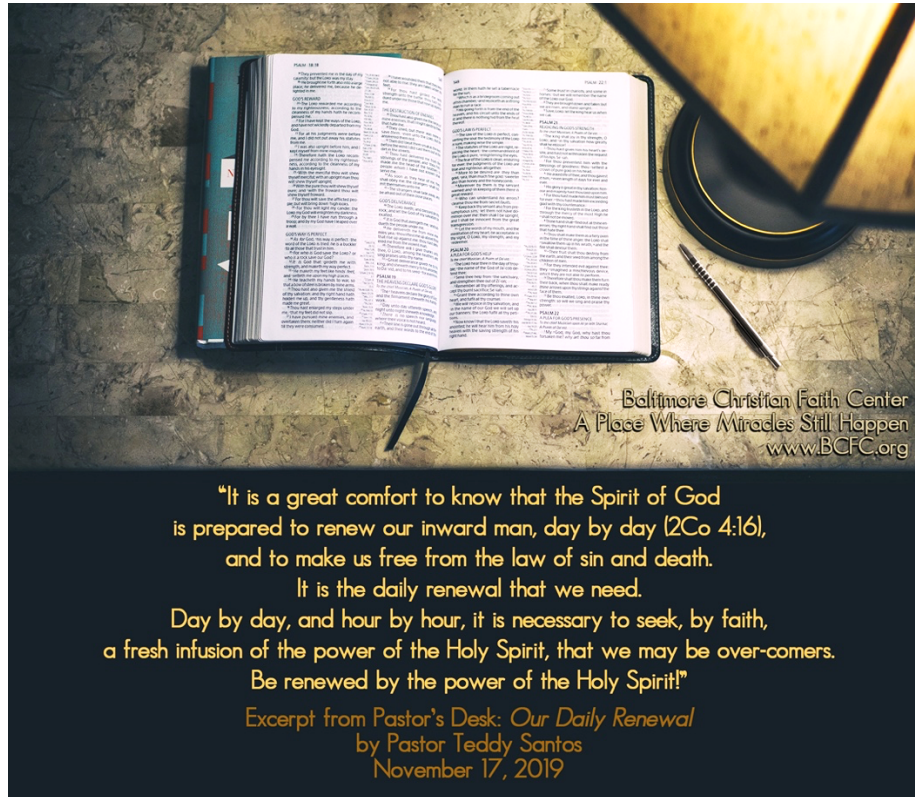


Our Daily Renewal

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"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Who shall deliver me...? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." — Rom 7:19-25

This seventh chapter of Romans reflects the inward conflict of the Christian soul, who has not yet learned to appropriate the full power of the Holy Spirit. Notice that the personal pronoun "I" frequently occurs, while there is no word of the Holy Spirit who strives against the flesh. A man endeavors to keep pure and holy, in the energy of self-resolutions, and by the putting forth of his own power and will. But as Satan cannot cast out Satan, so the will of man is unable to exorcise its own evil.

We turn, thankfully, to the eighth chapter, which is as full of the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome evil, as the seventh is full of human endeavor. It is only when we learn to hand over our inner self to the Spirit of God that we can become more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

In the text explored, we find the Apostle Paul elaborating on the "law of sin and death warring in our members and bringing us into captivity." It is a wretched experience when we see the current running so swiftly against us and carrying us down in spite of our strenuous desire to stem and conquer it. *Who has not, again and again, experienced failure after the most earnest desire to do right?* The bitterness of our origin overcomes the better choice, of which in our noblest moments, we are conscious.

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At His service,
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