

subjectively, not only outside himself but also within himself!

Perhaps the following suggestions will help to explain what Paul is saying in this Passage. Romans 7: 7-12

- (a) Paul says he was once apart from Law, and then the Law came to him.**

Suggestion:- Paul was once without correct understanding of the Law; then Paul was awakened to a correct understanding of the Law.

- (b) Paul says that sin was once dead to him, and then sin sprang to life in him.**

Suggestion:- Sin was once relatively inactive in Paul as far as conviction of transgression was concerned; then sin sprang to life in Paul's knowledge, self-experience, and conviction.

- (c) Paul says that the Law was intended to bring life, but that the Law brought only death.**

Suggestion:- The Law was never intended to be used by sinners to earn a right standing before God, but rather to show justified sinners how to live; Paul once used it to justify himself. The Law now showed that Paul's attempts to justify himself led to condemnation.

- (d) Paul says that he was once alive, and then he died.**

Suggestion:- Paul once considered himself spiritually alive, and worthy of eternal life; now he realized that he was a dead man, dead in trespasses and sins, and worthy of eternal death.

- 2. The second motif in this aspect of Paul's teaching may be expressed in the statement: We now live lives of internal spiritual conflict.**

Paul develops this motif in Romans 7:13-8:2

In Romans 7: 13-20 the apostle describes this internal conflict in the life of the justified believer.