

Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church

“Combating Identity Theft”

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Notes for Romans 6

Notes for Romans 7

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Some of the key sermon points are on the back

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Key Concepts:

☞ Paul’s “I” statements in Romans 7 can be understood in several ways including the universal “I”—the generic human condition after the fall of Adam and Eve.

☞ Sin has hacked its way into the spiritual fibre of our spiritual identity. Once there it seeks to overwhelm and confuse “who we are.”

☞ Don’t let your struggle with sin steal your true, spiritual identity in Christ.

☞ Galatians 2:20 declares: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” NIV

☞ For those who have died with Christ, sin no longer has any jurisdiction for them. They can truly say to temptations, “return to sender. Resident, deceased!”

☞ According to Romans 8:2,13 we combat identity theft through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. One tool the Spirit uses to combat sin is crucifixion of self.

The eye opener prayer: Lord, I invite the Holy Spirit to not only be with me today, but to live in me (John 14:17). Holy Spirit, I invite you to do for me what I cannot do for myself—please crucify me. When sinful thoughts, words or actions surface, “grub” out their very roots. Become to my soul, Holy Spirit, the conduit of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22, 23): “ love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”NIV In your, holy and precious name, Lord Jesus, I pray.