The basic need of man is centered around his feeling of inadequacy and inability to find self-acceptance.

In theological terminology this is man's sin, his original sin. It is seen in the story of Adam and Eve. There was an unwillingness to accept themselves and their state and a consequent willingness to accept Satan's bargain. He could make them "to become as gods," to rise above the self-imposed dislike of themselves as they saw it. God, however, intended it to be a world of Grace—where man has all—and does nothing to gain his love. Man could not accept the Self; this nonacceptance became the central and pivotal problem. For this the Christ came; for this God's Grace is given. However, this is so central and so much to the core of man's nature and fabric that he becomes blind and numb to his own problem. He begins to make God not the Savior from his sin but the perpetuator of his need. He manipulates God into becoming the clout that beats his sense of inadequacy. God established, in his mind, impossible and unreachable goals, standards and commandments. These do not serve to enrich his life but to condemn his life. They confirm what he has always known: that he is inadequate.

Herein lies the struggle of Romans 7. Paul cannot accept the self. He cannot do the things he wants to do. The Law is a schoolteacher that has greatly confirmed what he had known all along: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The schoolteacher (Law) finally presses him to the wall and he cries out, "O wretched man that I am!"

All of our lives we have been taught that if we do certain things we can be acceptable. This is the basic model of child raising. No matter how loving and nurturing the parent may be, he teaches the child to perform in an acceptable way. The child learns to be acceptable; he must do certain things.

Many psychologists suggest that religion is nothing but a transferred relationship from childhood—we make our parents God. The terminology and structure of most Christian worship experiences validate this theory.

Oftentimes in Christian worship, the worshipper sees himself unworthy and unfit but God can take care of his unfit condition if he fulfills

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