

# Scott's Thoughts

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*“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” (Romans 7:24, ESV)*

There is not one book in the Bible that stands above the others in importance. While many serious Bible students have a favorite book or section of Scripture, that preference simply reflects personal resonance—not superiority. The true value of Scripture is found in its entirety, not just in isolated snippets. With that in mind, I want to reflect for a moment on the book of Romans. In this letter, Paul takes great care to show how God forgives sin and makes His children holy and pure as they stand before Him.

The struggle is ongoing. I want to please God every day, yet I find myself falling short. Faultlessness escapes me. We often think, “I’m a Christian because I’ve done enough of the right things.” But the reality is far more humbling. We can list every good deed we’ve ever done, but none of them can cover the cost of salvation. It is a gift we will never earn. We are freed from the guilt of sin not because we paid the price, but because Jesus did—giving His very life. God sees us as righteous despite our continual blunders. Salvation is not earned by works—it is received by grace. There is only one way for humanity to be right with God based on our own merit: is for us to have never violated the law. Only one man accomplished that—His name is Jesus.

I’m so grateful for a Savior who watches over me and continually forgives. I no longer need a checklist to prove my perfection—because I’ve never had a

single perfect day. Perfection I’ll never know, but Jesus is carrying me through, and I know He is able. He is up to the task. Jesus has taken that burden. Because of Him, I have confidence in eternal life. Eternal life is the goal, not wealth, not fame, not influence—but the free gift of God. My desire is to explain to the inhabitants of this world the simple truth of how everyone can receive eternal life. I want to explain it so clearly that even a child can understand and that the whole world might accept it and live by it every day.

*“As it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.’” (Romans 3:10–12, ESV)*  
*“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.” (Romans 7:24–25, ESV)*

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott