**The body of this death**

Ro 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

The body of this death is the mass of sin that was built up against him inside his soul and left him wretched and dead inside. Saul of Tarsus was bound to a body of sin and death without deliverance. This growing body of sin is the sad remains of ongoing, indwelling sin, and unsubdued corruption.

(Mt 23:32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.)

When subject to sin you become wretched miserable, poor, blind and naked and don’t even know it. You don’t acknowledge that it is sin doing this to you and you try to work around it until it destroys you.

Re 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ro 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Ga 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Before salvation men try to justify themselves, after salvation men try to sanctify themselves without emphasizing faith in Jesus Christ. We need to believe God for both justification and sanctification.