

HERITAGE AT HOME

Jekyll & Hyde

"I feel as if I have two polar twins who are struggling in my consciousness, and I'm trying to figure out how to get them disentangled." - **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**

"Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either, but right through every human heart, and through all human hearts. This line shifts. Inside us, it oscillates with the years. Even within hearts overwhelmed by evil, one small bridgehead of good is retained; and even in the best of all hearts, there remains a small corner of evil." - **The Gulag Archipelago**

Romans 7:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴ So the trouble is not with **the law**, for it is spiritual and good. **The trouble is with me**, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 7:18-25 (NLT)

¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, **that is, in my sinful nature**. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Who will free me from this life that**

is dominated by sin and death?*²⁵ **Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

WE CAN'T JEKYL OUR HYDE!

Romans 7:7-10 (NIV)

⁷ *What shall we say, then? **Is the law sin? Certainly not!** Indeed, I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."* ⁸ *But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead.* ⁹ *Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.* ¹⁰ ***I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.***

JESUS ISN'T CONTENT WITH US BEING SLAVES TO HYDE!

Romans 6:16-18 (TNIV)

¹⁶ *Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?* ¹⁷ *But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, **you have come to obey from your heart** the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.* ¹⁸ ***You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.***

ONLY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO OVERPOWER HYDE!

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

¹ *So now there is **no condemnation** for those who belong to Christ Jesus.* ² *And because you belong to him, the **power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin** that leads to death.*