A hand holding a quill pen is shown in the lower right corner, writing on a parchment-like background. The background is filled with faint, cursive text, likely representing the content of Paul's letter to the Romans. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and gold.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans

NEW Nature
JESUS

WILL
(Heart)

Old Nature
ADAM

Spirit
(ALIVE)

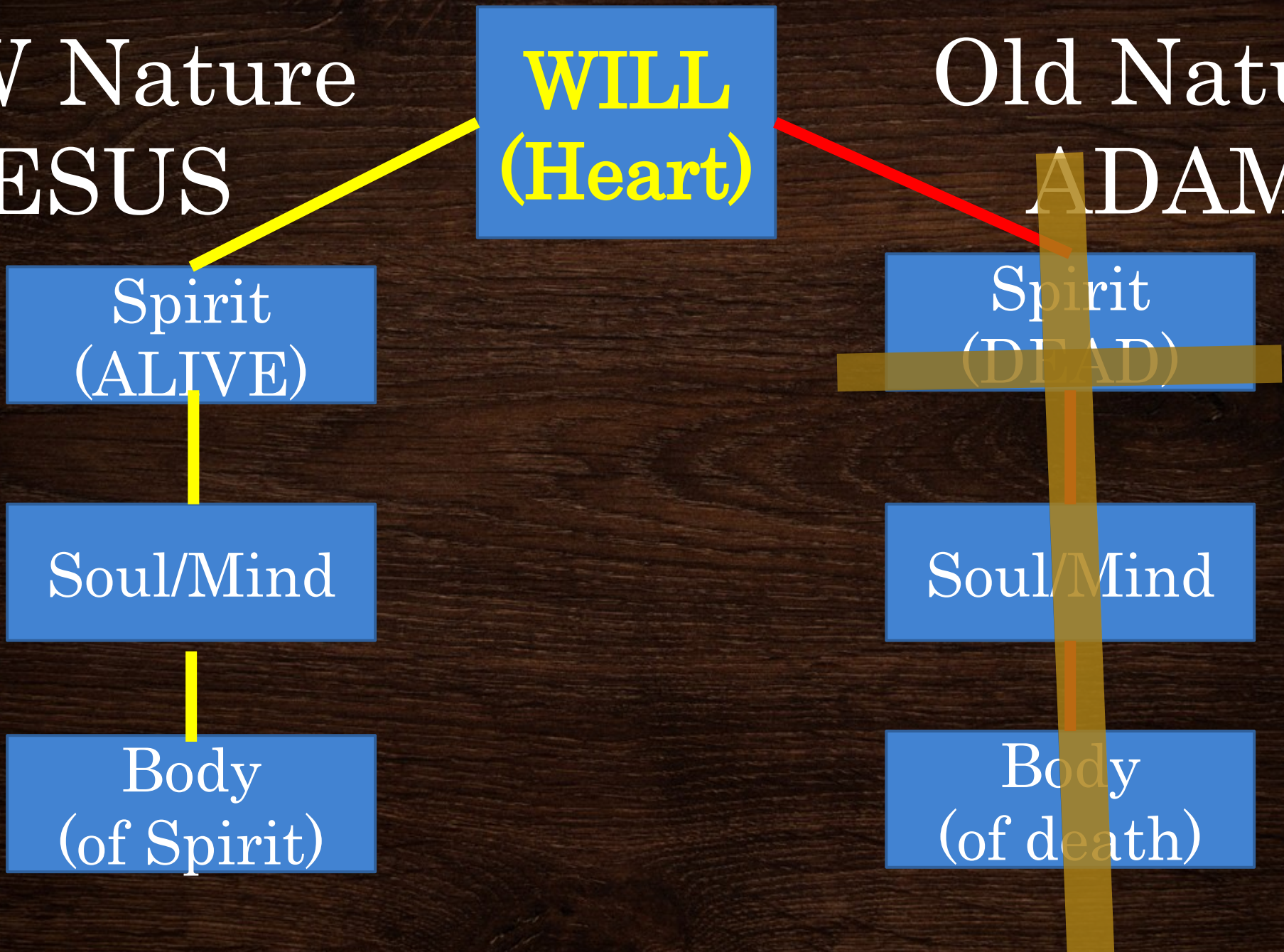
Spirit
(DEAD)

Soul/Mind

Soul/Mind

Body
(of Spirit)

Body
(of death)



The 'Sin' principle (7-13)

- How can we break the power of sin?
 - This is the work of God in us!
 - Flesh is weak to sin, law makes it worse!
 - So, what is the real enemy???
 - Why is the battle lost?
 - What is Paul sharing with us?

The 'Sin' principle (7-13)

- "once alive apart from the Law" (9)
 - When was this in Paul?
 - Paul as a Pharisee; before he was saved?
 - The point when Paul was no longer untouched by sins effects - religious...
 - Past tense verbs here...

The 'Sin' principle (7-13)

- "life of sin is the death of man" ~ Calvin
- As soon as we come to 'commandment'
 - The one that 'gets us'
 - It judges us and leaves us in death...
 - It was intended to bring life...
 - Deception and death!

'Sin' dilemma #1 (14-17)

Sin took opportunity - *aphoreme* (11)

- Military base of operations

- Sin nature - every 'trick/law in the book'

- The more we understand God... Holy!

- All who come near see their sin!

- Isaiah, Peter, Daniel, Job, me!

The 'Sin' principle (7-13)

- Law: holy, right, good...
- Sin is the failure, not the Law...
 - Exposes the sin in us
 - That it might be shown, exposed, lit up
 - Necessary to expose it thru result ~
 - So it might be “utterly sinful”!



'Sin' dilemma #1 (14-17)

- Law and Sin = death
- Because of the Law, I 'see' my sin
 - "flesh" ~ *sarkinos*, old nature, Adam-ic
- Law is spiritual ~ 'of the spirit'
 - Paul here says he is not! Rather 'sin-filled'
 - The terrible "sale into sin"...

Godet:

- Paul “compares himself to a slave bought for money. The seller is the flesh, and the buyer, who has become his master, sin. In fact, a fatal contract, as it were, has taken effect on us, whereby the violence of the flesh has given over our will to the power of sin. The expression *sold under* (into) is stronger than the usual form *sold to*; it includes the idea of the shameful state of *servitude* which has followed the act of sale.

7:14-17

I am of flesh ...
[in] bondage to sin
(14)

sin which indwells
me [is doing it]
(17)

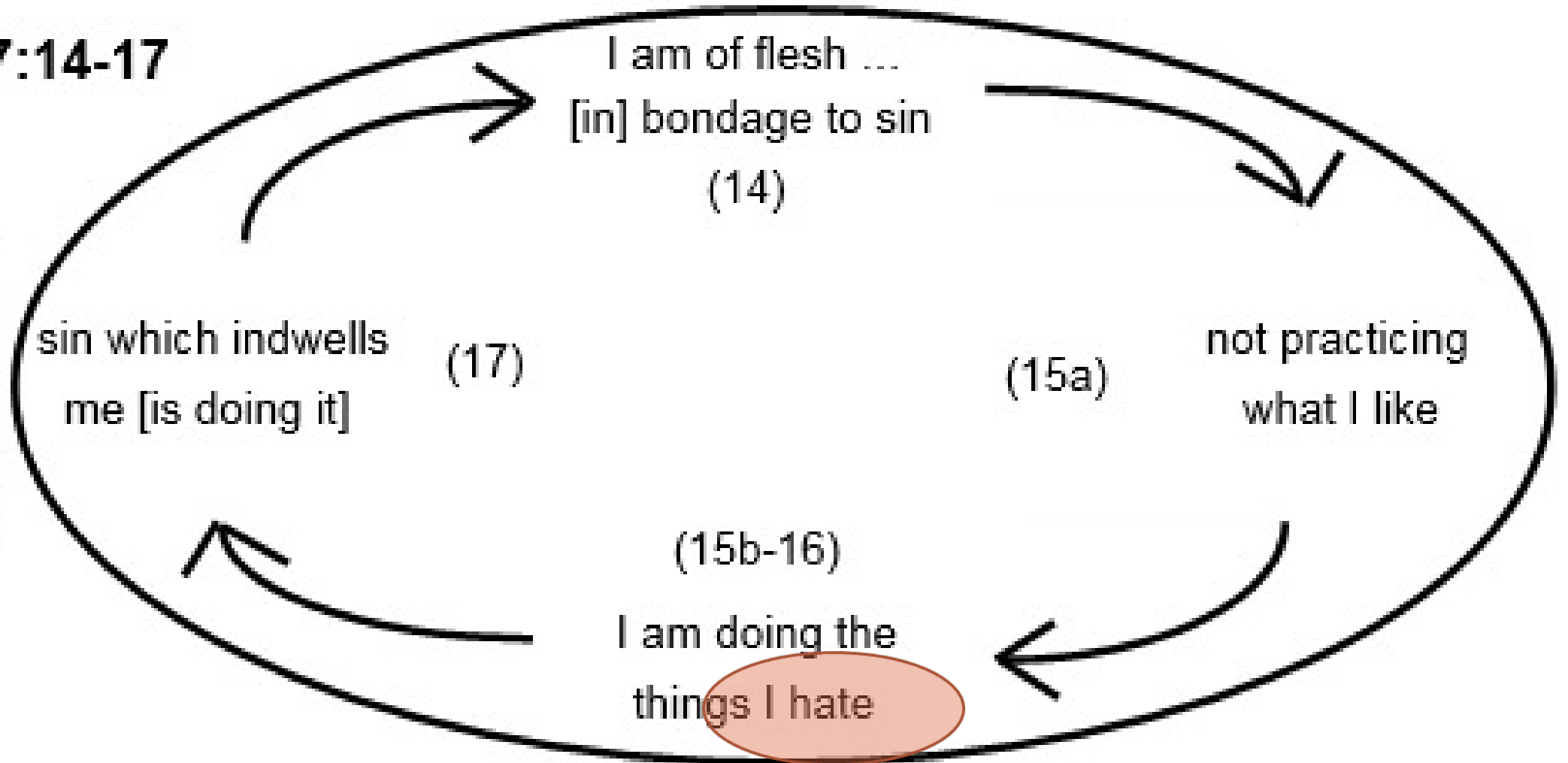
(15a) not practicing
what I like

(15b-16)

I am doing the
things I hate

The Law of Sin

The Law of God



'Sin' dilemma #1 (14-17)

- Our spirit now hates sin!!
- Wants to do right, but fails...
- The spirit comes into harmony with law
- Agrees on the good and bad...
- The 'tyrant master' of sin in us

7:18-20

nothing good dwells
in me ... my flesh
(18a)

sin which dwells in
me [is doing it]
(20)

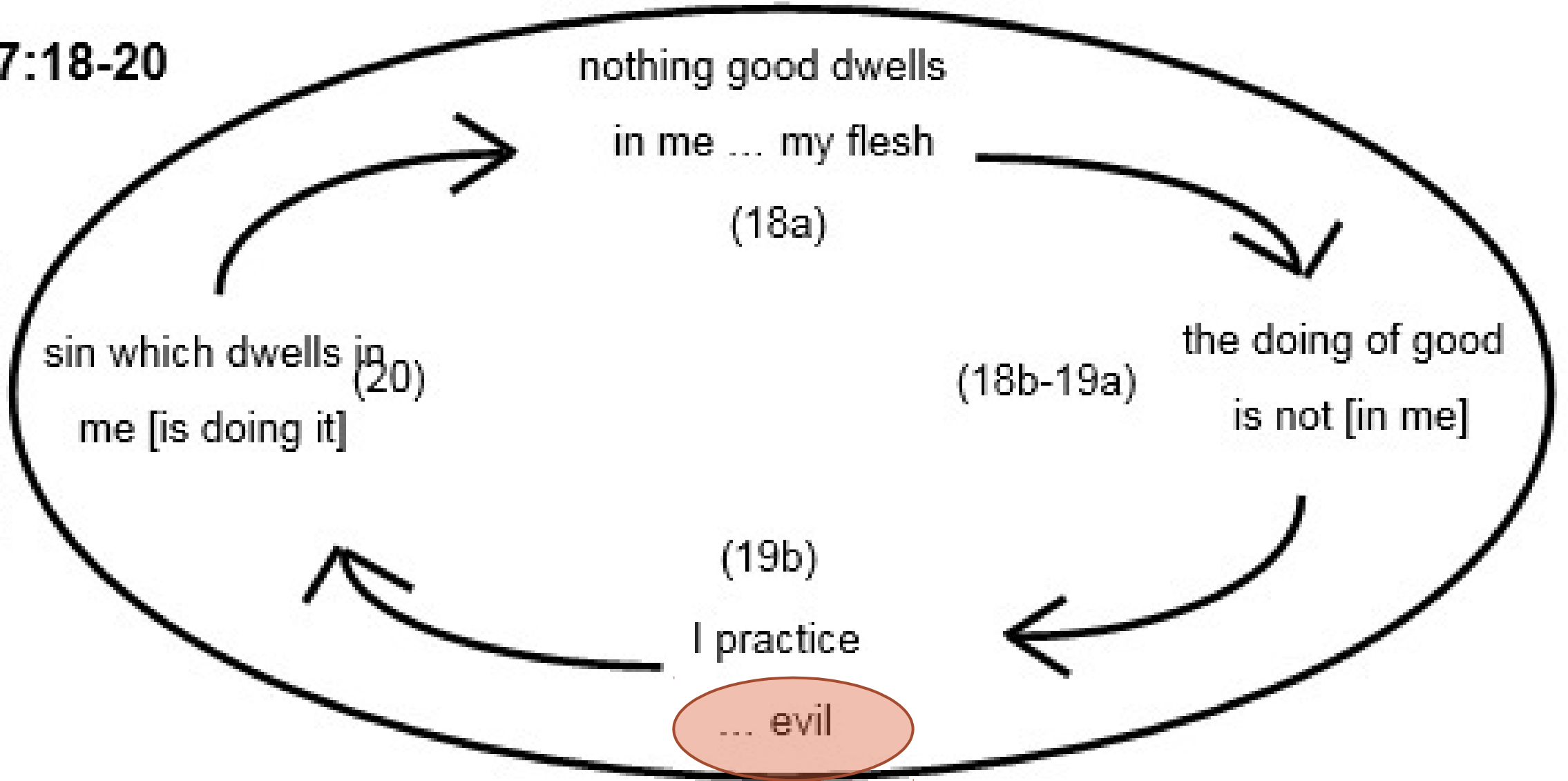
the doing of good
is not [in me]
(18b-19a)

(19b)
I practice

... evil

The Law of Sin

The Law of God



'Sin' dilemma #2 (18-20)

- Nothing good in my flesh – *sarx*
- Only what is done in Christ (Gal 2:20)
- We all need “something else”
- Don't be content to sin – run in faith!
- The “squeeze” is on...
- What will/can we learn???

7:21-25

The Law of Sin

The Law of God

evil is present
in me

(21a)

Who will set me free?

God

through

Jesus Christ

(23)

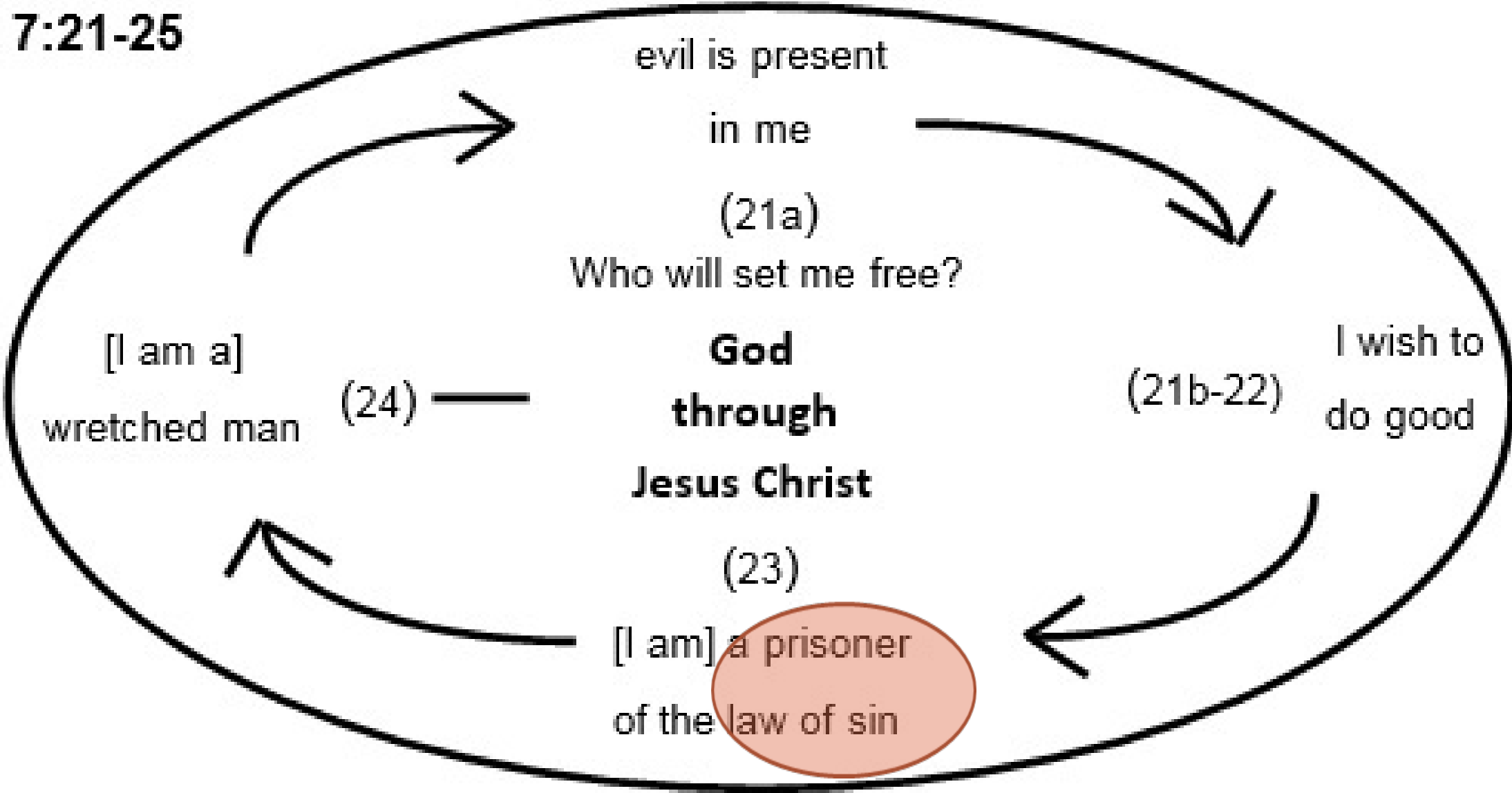
[I am] a prisoner
of the law of sin

I wish to
do good

(21b-22)

(24)

[I am a]
wretched man



'Sin' dilemma #3 (21-23)

- Complete lack of ability
- The "I" is a failure...
 - Law of God
 - Different Law
 - Law of my Mind
 - Law of Sin

PRISONER!

The “body of death’s” end!

- Wretched man!
 - Note: no mention of the Spirit in 7
- “who” will set me free!
- JESUS CHRIST our Lord!!!
- Which ‘law’ will you serve?