Many have striven and longed for the real life, the only life really worth having, and at the end have found that the only way they could get it was through being washed by the blood of Christ. Have you been washed by the blood of Christ ? You may be a better person outwardly than your neighbour. You may live a better life seemingly than he does. But the question is not "where are you" but "where are you In what direction are you heading ? going." Two men are in railroad trains. One is further nonth than the other. But his train is heading south. The train of the other is heading north. In what direction are you going ? Have you the garment that God provides ? Are you trying to make the filthy rags of your own righteousness suffice ? The experience of Paul is the experience that comes to every single person who tries to satisfy the demands of God without first securing the cleansing that God offers.

(Read Romans 7: 15 - 25) Paul found we see the only solution "O wretched man that I am ! who shall deliver me from the body of this death ? I thank

God through Jesus Ch rist our Lord."

Some people say that it is enough if one is sincere. They say it does not matter what one believes as long as one is sincere in believing it. How about the case of the man who in the night took a bottle from his medicine closet, thinking that it was the medicine he needed to help him. Sincerely believing it to be this medicine he drank it, but it really contained

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