

**Who is the “I” in Romans 7:7-25 (Abstract)****Simon CHOW\***

The identity of the “I” in Romans 7:7-25 has been a crux in Pauline studies. There is no consensus and many suggestions have been given. Luther’s *simul justus et peccator* is still influential. By employing the method of “Reader’s Response” this study examines the subject from the view of the first readers/audience of Romans in Rome. The cultural background of the readers and the linguistic factors of the passage are carefully considered. It concludes that behind the “I” it is Adam speaking for all who are under the control of sin. The result may not be new, but because it looks at the problem from a different angle, it strengthens former studies producing the same result, and thus is extremely helpful for those who are interested in the exegesis of the passage while making a choice among the many offers.

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