



Paul's Epistle to the Romans

Romans 6

Gospel of Sanctification in union with Christ

Last time we saw Romans 5.12-21 Sin and Salvation has a greater, universal significance

C. **Summary** of the amazing effects of our Justification by faith

1. In Rom.5.12-21 Paul has brought the three elements of our salvation together:

a. Rom.3 and 4 he clarifies the necessity of **faith**

b. Rom.5.1-11 he introduces **Grace** in its abundance

c. Rom.5.11-21 Paul ties our justification with God to being "*in Christ*" as a relationship rather than a religion

2. in Rom.5.11-21 Paul reveals the great "mysteries" both of "original sin" and "covenant headship" as the truth of universal human experience but does not develop these as a doctrine

The gospel ledger in Romans 5.12-21

God's Ledger of Reckoning to our Account

debit (liabilities)

Adam

transgression

judgment

condemnation

sin reigns in
death

reckoning

Rom. 5.12

Rom. 5.15

Rom. 5.17

Rom. 5.18

Rom. 5.21

credit (Assets)

Christ

Obedience

gift of
righteousness

justification

grace reigns in
life

The gospel in Romans 1-8 clearly divides our experience in two ways

The first: 1.17-5.11 justification by faith

1. Looking back to our justification (“being made righteous”) by faith 5.1
2. The remedy for our sins: the blood of Christ (3.24f)
3. The blood is primarily for God (1Pet 1.18-19)
4. The blood cleanses our consciences and grants access to God (He. 10.22)
5. Justified in resurrection 4.25
6. By the blood we overcome Accuser’s Condemnation

The second: 5.12-8.39 sanctification by His Life

1. Looking presently at our sanctification (“being made righteous”) in Him 6.5
2. The remedy for indwelling Sin: the cross 6.2
3. The cross is primarily for the “old man” 6.6
4. United with Christ crucified as the ‘last Adam’ old things pass away
5. United with Christ in His resurrection we live a new life in the ‘second man’ 6.5 (1Cor.15.47)
6. By the word of our testimony we overcome Satan’s attacks

Romans 6-8 Christ our Sanctification

Rom. 6.1-2 ¶ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6.1 Paul is raising a question that many Jews and others might ask who are trying hard to be saved by works and don't understand grace

1. so far Paul hasn't answered this question - 1st he wants new believers to believe and rest in the finished work
2. some truly seek to be righteous: "If I'm saved by grace through faith alone, why do I continue to sin?" How can I be called 'righteous'?
3. how could a Holy God be satisfied to have unholy, sin-fettered children?
4. to borrow from John Calvin, our hearts are like a sin-producing factory, and though the blood deals with our sins it does not close down the factory that keeps on sinning
5. There must be a way for practical deliverance from the power of Sin over us

Romans 6: Christ our Sanctification the pathway to deliverance

A. **Rom. 6.3** in **Baptism** the old man's death is declared and the new man's resurrection received

B. **Rom. 6.6** by revelation we **know** (realize) in our hearts (spirit of the mind) what has happened to the 'old man' and put him off

C. **Rom 6.11** **Reckoning** upon the truth by faith of our new accounting as righteous and cleansed we walk in the 'new man'

D. **Rom 6.13** With the free will of our new life we **present** our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness

A. **Romans 6.3-5** Baptism a testimony of our death and resurrection in Him

Rom. 6.3 Rom. 6.5 For if we have become united *with Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection

1. **Rom 6.3** “*baptized into His death*” is not just symbolic but a spiritual fact which we declare in this first ‘act’ of faith
2. **Rom 6.4** Our old man has been buried with him and our new man raised with Him to walk in newness of life - resurrection life enables us to do this
3. **Rom 6.5** the key: *united with Him* (lit in Gk sumphutos = “planted together”) both in the likeness of His death and in the likeness of His resurrection

Romans 6.6 “knowing this, that the ‘old man’ was crucified with Him”

Question: who exactly is the ‘old man’?

1. Your self-life? Your flesh? Your sinful nature? Your soul? Your body? Your spirit? Totality of body, soul and spirit?
2. Is he totally crucified or still sometimes living in you even as a christian?
3. by context we see Paul previously using the ‘***old man***’ = in Adam corporately from the ‘global’ dimension but now Paul is transitioning by defining the old man in personal terms something in us that has been crucified
4. First fact: our ***old man*** has already been crucified with Christ and is no longer the center of our ***new man***

The old man's outward description

Paul uses the term 'old man' describing our former manner of life in 2 other epistles

Eph. 4.22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Col. 3.8-9 ¶ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;



A christian is able to “put off” the old man

But who exactly is this 'old man' that has been crucified with Christ?

Rom. 6.6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with [annulled], so that we would no longer be slaves to sin

1. notice first that the 'old man' was **controlled by Sin that reigns within** making the body its instrument of sin
2. we also realize that the 'old man' always '**inclined**' toward sin although on occasion he can do something outwardly righteous for pride's sake
3. the 'old man' is the deepest part and the **center of the sinner's life** in the 'inner man' or 'heart' at the **core** where life's vital decisions are made
4. the old man is our inner **heart** darkened by sin and conjoined with our **dead spirit** (to God) and our **overbearing soul life** wanting self expression
5. man's heart is the decision center influenced by his mind, emotions, will and body
6. this 'old man' is characterized by pride, rebellion, attitudes, lies, lusts, willfulness = that's you before you were saved

The good news: the 'new man' is now at the center of your inner life

Gal. 2.20 I [the old man] have been crucified with Christ: nevertheless I [the new man] live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh [my human body] I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1. the '*new man*' = **your 'inner man' united to Christ** by the Spirit where your spirit is now alive to God
2. now out of your 'new heart' (inner man) the Spirit indwelling your spirit can decide and direct the soul and body
3. unless you permit, Sin can no longer enslave you and the body's lusts can be 'neutralized'

Now the key is: do you 'know' this as your inward reality?

Eph. 4.22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old man, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Eph. 4.23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph. 4.24 and put on the new man, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

1. the key is in Eph.4.23- *the 'spirit of your mind' must be renewed* to this gospel's new reality
2. Any time you truly "know" something you can act upon it - this knowing is a revelation within your heart
3. Paul likens this transaction to putting off a garment and putting on a new one
4. Notice the new man has been created with the power of righteousness and holiness of the truth

Now the new man lives by new inner resources

Col. 3.3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

1. Death spiritually is a cutting off, a separation which always leads to resurrection life “*hid with Christ*”
2. if the cross is taken, life always results: death to sin, alive to God; old crucified, new risen
3. The Christian is now separated from the old by a gulf between (typified by the Red Sea and Jordan)
4. But death does not mean you cannot ‘hear’ the enticements of Egypt from the other side (world, flesh and devil)
5. Our main problem becomes old habits and ways of thinking that cause us to react by our flesh instead of our spirit/heart
6. If you ‘know’ who you are, the life within can overcome our ‘habits’ of the past

The Christian still sins and falls backward but now he knows he has a choice

Rom. 8.6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace

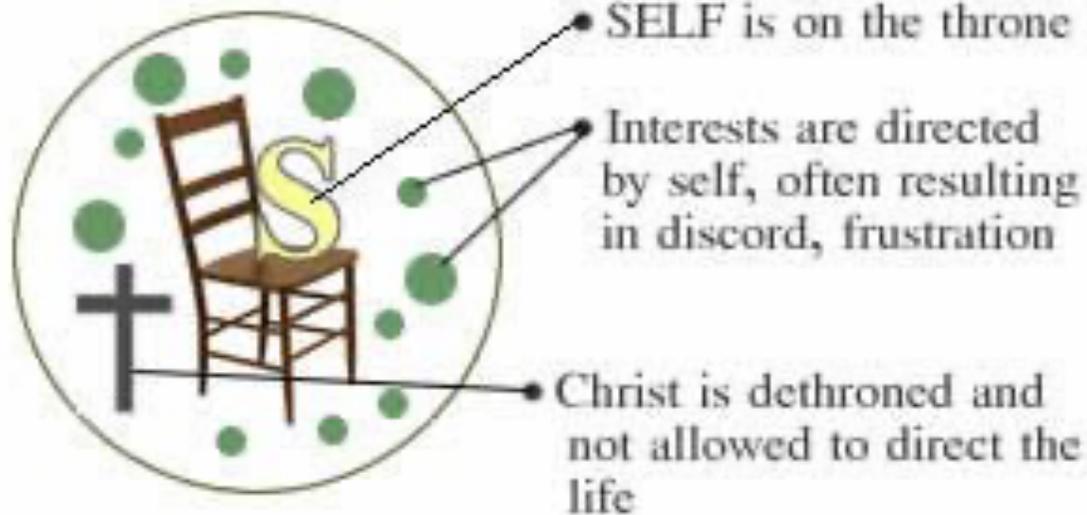
1. The Christian's heart still has freedom to choose:

- *the mind must be set* to live by the Spirit (within) enthroning Christ in the heart with body and soul for God
- but the mind set upon the flesh (a conspiracy of soul and body) to live carnally resists the Lord and the spirit within

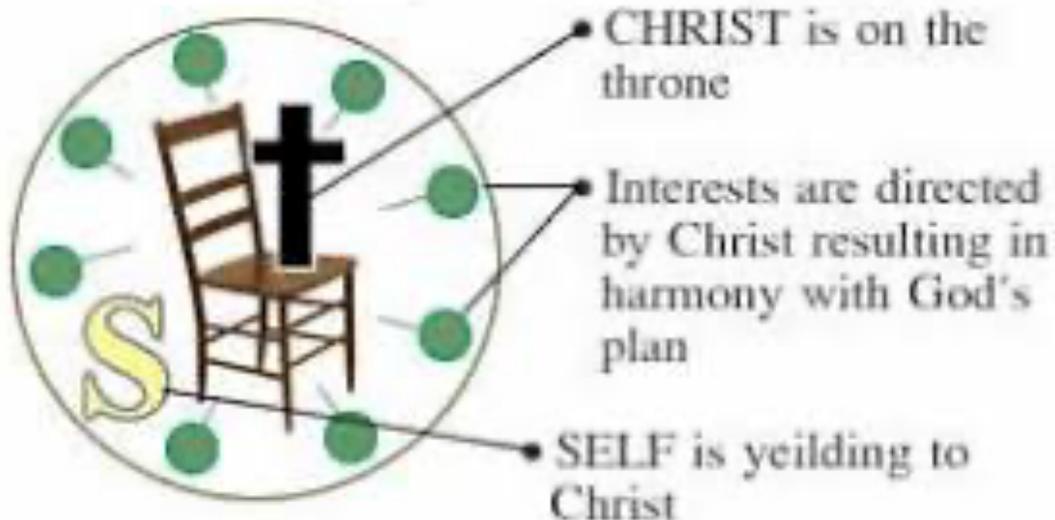
2. But knowing who we are as a new man (Christ in you + you) enables you to utilize the power of the Spirit to “*crucify the deeds of the flesh with its passions and desires*” Gal.5.24

Who is enthroned in your life?

The Self-Directed Life



The Christ-Directed Life



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next time: Rom 6

Reckoning and
Presenting