



Paul's Epistle to the Romans

Romans 6

Gospel of Sanctification in union with Christ

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

Romans 6: Christ our Sanctification the pathway to deliverance

- A. **Rom. 6.3** in **Baptism** we declare the old man's death and receive the new man's resurrection
- 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** we **Reckon** by faith upon the truth of the Word that our new accounting has made us righteous and clean to 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

Romans 6 begins Paul's Gospel of Sanctification

Some Underlying principles of Sanctification

1. Although the 'old man' is dead, Sin is not dead within Christians, even in the most mature Christians, but must continually confessed and struggled against.
2. Sin's hold over us is because it appeals especially to our "mortal bodies" which easily yield as a servant to lusts and desires
3. Sin can never be eradicated from our bodies during our lifetime but can be overcome daily as we abide in Christ
4. Sin can only reign over us temporarily and only when it has been given 'permission' either consciously or passively
5. The key to our victory is having seen who we really are in Christ as a new man and freely choosing Christ within to be our righteousness as we refuse sin's advances

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

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 an ordinance but a spiritual fact which we declare by 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

B. **Romans 6.6-7** In light of the Word we “know” the ‘old man’ was crucified with Christ

Rom. 6.6-7 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

1. The fallen nature ‘in Adam’ that was bound by Sin and the lusts of the flesh was taken to the cross and exists no more
2. Great relief comes with the old man’s death that we are free from the slavery of Sin
3. And as this truth was revealed in the spirit of our minds we found at will we could “put off” the old corrupted man and “put on” the new man with a freedom to live with Christ central in our hearts

C. **Romans 6.8-II** Reckoning upon what we “know” as the new man begins to live

Rom. 6.8-9 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him

1. Because we are united in Christ, what Christ went through now becomes our experience as well
 - a. now out of our death comes a new sense of life as we begin looking upward and forward
 - b. since Christ has been raised never to die again, Sin and Death as reigning principles can no longer be master over us
2. it is vital that we know we have been **crucified** with Christ before we can be free to **live** in Christ otherwise we are always looking back remembering sin and death
3. **Col 3.1-3** now teaches us to seek those things above where the Spirit within you can show you **Christ reigning** over you

C. **Romans 6.8-II** Reckoning upon what we “know” as the new man begins to live

Rom. 6.10-II For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

1. Now the Lord by His grace has reckoned your ledger as justified, redeemed and reconciled. Now it is time for the new man to begin reckoning himself by faith
2. Based upon the assets we now have in Christ, we need to start as it were writing checks on the new man's account
 - a. the old man has nothing in his account to use so it is important first to reckon yourself dead indeed unto Sin's temptations by the “books” of the gospel
 - b. then because you “**know**” that Christ has reckoned to the new man a resurrection life you can begin to “***be alive to God in Christ Jesus***”
3. “reckoning” is by faith which takes an accounting of real assets spiritually and no longer bases his accounting upon feelings or past history

C. **Romans 6.8-II** **Reckoning** upon what we
“know” as the new man begins to live

The significance of ‘reckoning’ by faith

1. reckoning is the threshold of man’s free will
2. because of sin, man’s will has really not been free but captive to sin reigning over us with lusts pride, fear and corruption
3. reckoning, based on true knowing from within, is an act of **free will** making choices as man was meant to when he was created in the image of God

D. **Romans 6.12-23** Presenting is the free will response to “knowing” and “reckoning”

Rom. 6.13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

1. **Rom.6.13** Paul now adds a new act of faith we can make based upon what we know and reckon “**presenting the members of our body**” to God
2. Whomever we give permission to use our body then has the power to use it with either good or bad effect
3. Once presented the members of our body are kept and used by whichever master is enthroned and we become slaves
4. Paul highlights the importance of **presenting** by telling us we are really presenting our bodies as “**weapons**” of righteousness. The Gk. word hoplon is translated elsewhere as more than an instrument but a “weapon” (cf. **2Cor.6.7**) expressing the offensive power of righteousness that results from our presenting

D. **Romans 6.12-23** Presenting is the free will response to “knowing” and “reckoning”

Rom. 6.12 ¶ Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts

1. **Rom.6.12** the new man has a free will and even knowing who you are and reckoning upon new resources in Christ, you can still continue in the same old habits letting sin reign over your body
2. even as a christian Sin can still reign in your corruptible body
3. Sin as a reigning force uses enticing sins (small “s”) enjoyed in the past to make you present your bodies just like Israel lusted after Egypt’s leeks and garlic
4. **Rom 6.14-15** Even when Israel tries to be justified “under the Law” Sin reigns as the flesh tries to be self righteousness
5. “**under grace**” Sin cannot be master over a christian
6. the issue always is: whom are you **under**? Sin? Law? Grace? Christ?

D. **Romans 6.12-23** Presenting is the free will response of a bond slave

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

1. Paul surprises the Romans who highly prized free citizenship by declaring all men slaves of one kind or another
 - a. Man has the free will but only to choose his master
 - b. Sin and death are two spiritual masters who use devious ways to makes us slaves as we discover too late was ‘against our will’
 - c. but once we present our bodies the master over us has ‘keeping power’ which makes escape difficult
 - d. our best choice is to be obedient and mastered by a liberating God

D. **Romans 6.12-23** Presenting is the free will response of a bond slave

Rom 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1. Paul thanks God for such a gracious Master
 - a. it is only the “new heart” residing in the “new man” that can commit to obeying such a “**form of teaching**” realizing our destiny is to serve
 - b. in our new-found freedom we willingly become slaves of righteousness
2. Our lives were created to give glory to God by presenting ourselves to Him as **bond servants**
 - a. in this we discover His ‘keeping power’ and the blessings of being just like Jesus who knew his purpose was to serve His Father
 - b. we also discover that ‘freedom’ is not independence but union with Christ serving in His Kingdom: this is our created destiny

D. **Romans 6.12-23** Presenting our members to God's righteousness is the logical thing to do

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

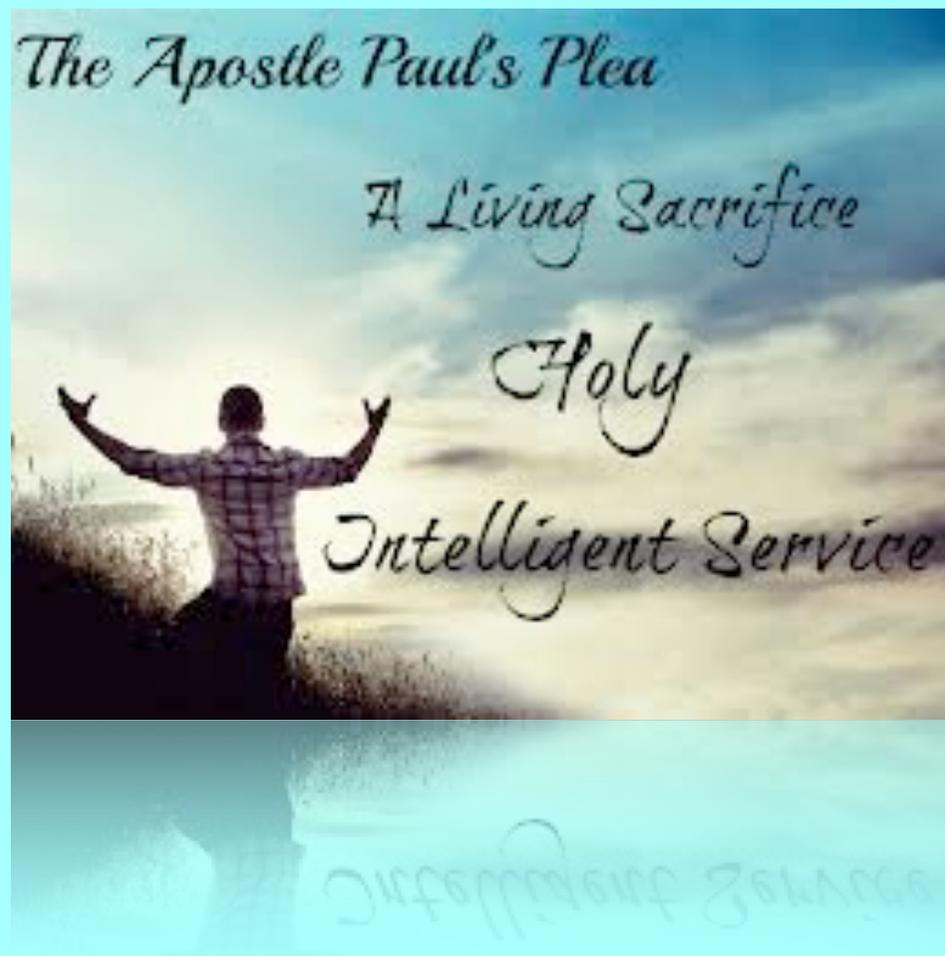
Rom.6.19-23 Paul ends his teaching by reasoning together with his readers as to the logic and benefits of presenting oneself as a slave to God

1. **Rom.6.19** He defines his argument regarding 'presenting' in "human terms" for the benefit of Christians tempted and battling their flesh
 - a. formerly you remember how you presented yourselves as slaves to sin, lawlessness and impurity
 - b. so now as a new man in Christ present yourself the same way as slaves of righteousness because this will result in holiness
2. **Rom.6.20-22** Paul finally compares the benefits of presenting one's body as a slave
 - a. death is the 'benefit' of pursuing our former slavery to Sin
 - b. by contrast the benefits of freely becoming enslaved to God is freedom from sin, holiness and as to our destiny, eternal life
3. **Rom. 6.23** Compare sin's wages of death with God's free gift of eternal life

The significance and practicality of 'presenting'

Presenting the members of our bodies daily to God has two very real practical benefits:

1. **Rom 12.1-2** as a daily act it sets the inner man in the right direction for life in Him
2. **2Tim 1.12** as a daily response, God 'keeps' that which we have committed' unto Him by the jealous power of the Spirit



Romans 6 Christ our Sanctification: the key to walking in resurrection life

1. **Knowing** comes by the Spirit revealing the truth to the born again spirit within

2. **Reckoning** is the will's free exercise of the truth of the Word as the soul is being sanctified from within

3. **Presenting** our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness in resurrection life so that you can serve in righteousness



In other words, a great change within you is realized as the life within you freely chooses higher ground