

What We Have and Who We Are in Jesus – Romans 5-8 Study
Lesson V: *Our Position in Christ – Part 2*

Rom 6:12-13 Let not (*do not allow*) sin therefore (*therefore = because of what has just been stated in the previous verses*) reign (*rule*) in your mortal body (*speaks of our present body of flesh*), that ye should obey (*be subordinate to*) it (*sin*) in the lusts (*cravings*) thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members (*parts of your body*) as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that **are alive from the dead**, & your members (*parts of your body*) as instruments of righteousness unto God.

- I. Therefore = because of what has been stated in the previous verses regarding your position in Christ (*Which we discussed last week*)
- A. **We are dead to sin** Rom 6:2
 - B. **We are one with Christ** (in His death burial & resurrection) Rom 6:5 that (*in order that*) like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so (*indeed in this manner ie in the same way Christ was raised*) we also should (*may*) walk in newness of life.
 - C. **We** (*Our old self*) **are crucified with** Christ Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man (*the flesh; self*) is crucified with him.
 - D. (*therefore*) **We are freed from sin** Rom 6:7 For (*because*) he that is dead is freed from sin
- II. So Paul begins to state **what our practice (or performance) should** be due to our position (What to perform) **Remember the CEO analogy? He is now showing us what a good CEO is like**
- A. Chapt 8 is more of **HOW to perform it**
 - B. **Since we are dead to sin & freed from sin, thru our relationship with Christ...**
 - 1. (Vs 12) ...**Do not allow sin to rule you** that ye should be subordinate to it and its cravings
 - 2. (Vs13) **Do not yield the parts of your body to sin** (as tools of unrighteousness unto sin)
 - 3. **Do yield yourselves unto God**, as those that **are alive from the dead**,
 - 4. **Do yield the parts of your body** as tools of righteousness unto God.
 - C. Rom 6:14 For (*because*) sin shall not have dominion over you: for **ye are not under the law, but under grace.**
 - 1. **To be under law** = to attempt to attain to righteousness by keeping laws... Law of Moses, keeping rules, doing more, trying harder, self-discipline, shaming or condemning yourself, following certain steps or regimens, or any other form of self-effort (as it was under the Old Covenant).
 - 2. **To be under grace** = to attempt to attain to righteousness by placing your trust in what Christ did for you on the cross, trusting in Him & relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit for.
- III. Rom 6:15-16 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
- CP to vs 1 because you are justified by grace & not works now because you are sanctified by same*
- A. What Paul is teaching (*that we do not attain to righteousness by works or self-effort, but through dependence upon Christ*) **could make it sound like grace is a license to sin**; he is making it plain that this is **not** the case. Being under grace does not mean it is OK to sin.

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1. Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty (*freedom to do as one pleases*); only use not liberty for an occasion to (*an excuse to live after*) the flesh, but by love serve one another.
 - Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (*Don't you know that when you offer yourselves as slaves to someone to obey him, you are owned as a slave by the one you obey—so if you offer yourselves as slaves to sin, it will lead to spiritual death, or if you offer yourselves as slaves to obedience, it will lead to righteousness?*)
 - Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. (*But thank God that, you used to be slaves to sin, but you have obeyed from the heart the pattern of doctrine which was committed to you*).
 - a. Obeyed (*to heed or conform to a command or authority*) from the heart the pattern of doctrine is referring to believing and submitting to the gospel.
 - 1). Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
 - Rom 6:18 **Being then (having been) made free from sin, ye became (have become) the servants of righteousness.**
 1. Describes the position God has given us in Christ; we must embrace this statement of truth (fact) by faith.
 - Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. (*I am laying this forth in human [simple] terms because of the weakness of your sin nature: For exactly like you used to yield the parts of your body as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness toward (further) lawlessness, now, in the same manner yield the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness toward purification*).
14. This verse presents such a simple concept: Just like we used to yield (offer), the parts of our body to sin, now yield them to righteousness.
- a. This doesn't speak of position, but of the choice we can & should make **because** of our position in Christ
 - 1). We used to yield to sin because of who we were, now yield to righteousness because of who we are.
 - b. How to carry out this choice will be explained in Rom 8.
 - c. The same concept is expressed in Rom 12:1, using the same Greek word for “yield or offer” here translated “present”.

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- 1). Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present *(offer; yield)* your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
 - (a) “Lord, I offer my body to you, that you may live through me”.
 - 2). This answers the question as to what our part in the work of sanctification is:
 - (a) By faith we choose obedience. (offering our selves to unto God and unto obedience is a choice)
 - (b) By faith we yield to God.
 - 3). As stated, we will see that the ability to carry out this choice must be received from God by faith.
- Rom 6:20-23 For when ye were the servants of *(slaves to)* sin, ye were free from righteousness. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become *(having become)* servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the wages of *(pay resulting from)* sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
15. In conclusion, let us look at some things this chapter says we are or have as a result of our union with Christ.
- a. (Vs 2) **We are dead to sin.**
 - b. (Vs 4) **We are buried with Christ into death** [Edit this](#)
 - c. (Vs 5) **Our old man is crucified** (*with Him*).
 - d. (Vs 7) **We are freed from sin.** (*Since we are dead with Christ*)
 - e. (Vs 11) **We are alive unto God.**
 - f. (Vs 14) **We are not under the law, but under grace.**
 - g. (Vs 18 & Vs 22) **We have been made free from sin.**
 - h. (Vs 18) **We are slaves to righteousness.**
 - i. **We have been made free from sin**
 - j. (Vs 22) **We are slaves to God.**