

BOOK TO THE ROMANS  
THE GOSPEL [GOOD NEWS] OF GOD  
SALVATION: THE DIVINE METHOD OF DELIVERANCE FROM SIN  
THE SECRET OF A VICTORIOUS HOLY LIFE.  
ROMANS 6:1 - 8:39

## 1. BY DEATH THROUGH CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. ROMANS 6:1-2 WHAT SHALL WE SAY, THEN? SHALL WE GO ON SINNING SO THAT GRACE MAY INCREASE? [2] BY NO MEANS! WE DIED TO SIN; HOW CAN WE LIVE IN IT ANY LONGER?

I. REVIEW; THE LAW WITH ITS MANY STATUTES MADE KNOW TO MAN THE KINDS OF OFFENSES AND THEIR DETAILS THAT WERE HARMFUL TO HIM. IT WAS THAT WAY UNTIL CHRIST CAME, NOW FOR THOSE WHO EXCEPT HIM, HE GIVES FREE PARDON AND GRACE ABOUND AND REIGNS. NO SIN IS TO GREAT FOR GRACE TO PARDON, IF THAT WERE SO THEN GRACE WOULD CEASE TO REIGN IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SIN WOULD BE MORE POWERFUL THAN CHRIST AND HIS POWER.

II. NOW WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHY WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW SIN IN OUR LIVES.

1. DEATH TO SIN NULLIFIES IT	ROMANS 6:2-3
2. WE HAVE BEEN RESURRECTED FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH	ROMANS 6:4-5
3. WE WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE	ROMANS 6:4
4. DEATH TO SIN AND RESURRECTION FROM SIN MEANS WE WALK LIKE CHRIST	<p>ROMANS 6:5, 1 PETER 2:21-22 TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED, BECAUSE CHRIST SUFFERED FOR YOU, LEAVING YOU AN EXAMPLE, THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS. [22] "HE COMMITTED NO SIN, AND NO DECEIT WAS FOUND IN HIS MOUTH."</p> <p>1 JOHN 2:6 WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LIVE IN HIM MUST WALK AS JESUS DID.</p> <p>1 JOHN 4:6 WE ARE FROM GOD, AND WHOEVER KNOWS GOD LISTENS TO US; BUT WHOEVER IS NOT FROM GOD DOES NOT LISTEN TO US. THIS IS HOW WE RECOGNIZE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT OF FALSEHOOD.</p> <p>1 JOHN 4:17 IN THIS WAY, LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE AMONG US SO THAT WE WILL HAVE CONFIDENCE ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, BECAUSE IN THIS WORLD WE ARE LIKE HIM.</p>

5. THE OLD MAN IN US IS CRUCIFIED AND DEAD	ROMANS 6:6 EPHESIANS. 4:22-24 YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; [23] TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; [24] AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS. 1 JOHN 5:18 WE KNOW THAT ANYONE BORN OF GOD DOES NOT CONTINUE TO SIN; THE ONE WHO WAS BORN OF GOD KEEPS HIM SAFE, AND THE EVIL ONE CANNOT HARM HIM.
6. THE BODY OF SIN IS DESTROYED THAT NOW WE SHOULD NOT SIN	ROMANS 6:6
7. WE ARE FREED FROM SIN	ROMANS 6:7, 18, 22
8. TRUE FAITH COUNTS SIN DEAD	ROMANS 6:8
9. SIN HAS NO DOMINION OVER US	ROMANS 6:9
10. SIN IS NOT TO CONTROL THE BODY	ROMANS 6:12
11. BODY MUST NOT YIELD TO SIN	ROMANS 6:13
12. WE ARE TO BE MARRIED TO CHRIST, NOT SIN	ROMANS 7:4
13. WE WALK IN THE SPIRIT	ROMANS 8:1-4
14. MADE FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN	ROMANS 8:2
15. CHRIST IS IN US, NOT SIN	ROMANS 8:10
16. WE ARE SPIRITUALLY MINDED	ROMANS 8:6
17. WE OWE SIN NOTHING	ROMANS 8:12
18. SPIRIT OVERCOMES SIN IN US	ROMANS 8:13
19. WE HAVE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM	ROMANS 8:15
20. INTERCESSION OF CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT KEEPS US FREE OF SIN	ROMANS 8:26-27, 34

2. BY BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

- A. ROMANS 6: [3] OR DON'T YOU KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? [4] WE WERE THEREFORE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE. [5] IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM LIKE THIS IN HIS DEATH, WE WILL CERTAINLY ALSO BE UNITED WITH HIM IN HIS RESURRECTION.

I. BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS

- (1) MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, NOT WATER.

- (A) 1 CORINTHIANS. 12:13 FOR WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT INTO ONE BODY--WHETHER JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVE OR FREE--AND WE WERE ALL GIVEN THE ONE SPIRIT TO DRINK.

- (B) GALATIANS 3:28-29 THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, SLAVE NOR FREE, MALE NOR FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. [29] IF YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED, AND HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE.
- (C) EPHESIANS. 4:5 ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM;
- (D) COLOSSIANS 2:11-13 IN HIM YOU WERE ALSO CIRCUMCISED, IN THE PUTTING OFF OF THE SINFUL NATURE, NOT WITH A CIRCUMCISION DONE BY THE HANDS OF MEN BUT WITH THE CIRCUMCISION DONE BY CHRIST, [12] HAVING BEEN BURIED WITH HIM IN BAPTISM AND RAISED WITH HIM THROUGH YOUR FAITH IN THE POWER OF GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD. [13] WHEN YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR SINS AND IN THE UNCIRCUMCISION OF YOUR SINFUL NATURE, GOD MADE YOU ALIVE WITH CHRIST. HE FORGAVE US ALL OUR SINS,
- II. AS CHRIST DIED COMPLETELY, SO THOSE WHO CONFESS HIM MUST BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED AND SAVED FROM SIN HAVING NO MORE CONNECTION WITH IT THAN A DEAD BODY HAS WITH THE DEPARTED SPIRIT.
  - (1) JAMES 2:26 AS THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD, SO FAITH WITHOUT DEEDS IS DEAD.
- III. THE GLORIOUS POWER OF GOD THAT MUST BE AT WORK. JUST AS IT TOOK THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD TO RAISE CHRIST, IT TAKES THIS ALSO TO BRING ALIVE THE DEAD SOUL OF SINNERS AND MAKE THEM NEW CREATURES IN A MOMENT.
  - (1) 2 COR. 5:17-18 THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME! [18] ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION:
  - (2) EPHESIANS. 4:22-24 YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; [23] TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; [24] AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.
- IV. IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM LIKE THIS IN HIS DEATH, WE WILL CERTAINLY ALSO BE UNITED WITH HIM IN HIS RESURRECTION.
  - (1) NOW WE HAVE THE QUESTION, "IF", THIS "IF" HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH "EVERLASTING LIFE", THAT IS A GIFT OF GOD, BY GRACE. THIS "IF" HAS TO DO WITH WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND YOUR "EVERLASTING LIFE"
  - (2) IF I VIEW MY OLD SELF DEAD AND BURIED AS CHRIST WAS DEAD AND BURIED, DEAD TO SIN, FOR SOMEONE WHO IS DEAD CAN NO LONGER SIN, THEN I WILL NOW BE UNITED WITH HIM IN HIS RESURRECTION. THAT IS TODAY. HE "IS RISEN"
- 3. BY DEATH TO THE OLD MAN
  - A. ROMANS 6:[6] FOR WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM SO THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH, THAT WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE SLAVES TO SIN-- [7] BECAUSE ANYONE WHO HAS DIED HAS BEEN FREED FROM SIN. [8] NOW IF WE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM. [9] FOR WE KNOW THAT SINCE CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, HE CANNOT DIE AGAIN; DEATH NO LONGER HAS MASTERY OVER HIM. [10] THE DEATH HE DIED, HE DIED TO SIN ONCE FOR ALL; BUT THE LIFE HE LIVES, HE LIVES TO GOD.
    - I. IN ME, WHAT WAS CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST?
      - (1) SATAN AS MY MASTER.
        - (A) JOHN 8:44 YOU BELONG TO YOUR FATHER, THE DEVIL, AND YOU WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR FATHER'S DESIRE. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, NOT HOLDING TO THE TRUTH, FOR THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE LIES, HE SPEAKS HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE, FOR HE IS A LIAR AND THE FATHER OF LIES.
        - (B) EPHESIANS. 2:2 IN WHICH YOU USED TO LIVE WHEN YOU FOLLOWED THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD AND OF THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT WHO IS NOW AT WORK IN THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT.
        - (C) EPHESIANS. 4:22-24 YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; [23] TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; [24] AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.

- (D) COL. 3:9 DO NOT LIE TO EACH OTHER, SINCE YOU HAVE TAKEN OFF YOUR OLD SELF WITH ITS PRACTICES
- (E) 1 JOHN 3:8 HE WHO DOES WHAT IS SINFUL IS OF THE DEVIL, BECAUSE THE DEVIL HAS BEEN SINNING FROM THE BEGINNING. THE REASON THE SON OF GOD APPEARED WAS TO DESTROY THE DEVIL'S WORK.
- (F) 1 JOHN 5:18 WE KNOW THAT ANYONE BORN OF GOD DOES NOT CONTINUE TO SIN; THE ONE WHO WAS BORN OF GOD KEEPS HIM SAFE, AND THE EVIL ONE CANNOT HARM HIM.
- (2) DEAD TO SIN.
  - (A) MEANS THAT SIN IS DEAD TO ME, I WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT.
- (3) ALIVE TO GOD.
  - (A) MEANS THAT I DIRECT MY LIFE TOWARDS THE THINGS OF GOD.
  - (B) SOMETHING IS EITHER DEAD TO ME OR ALIVE TO ME, BASED ON HOW I REGARD IT.
    - (i) 1 JOHN 5:18 WE KNOW THAT ANYONE BORN OF GOD DOES NOT CONTINUE TO SIN; THE ONE WHO WAS BORN OF GOD KEEPS HIM SAFE, AND THE EVIL ONE CANNOT HARM HIM.
    - (ii) 1 JOHN 5:18 WE KNOW THAT WHOSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD SINNETH NOT; BUT HE THAT IS BEGOTTEN OF GOD KEEPETH HIMSELF, AND THAT WICKED ONE TOUCHETH HIM NOT.
- 4. BY LIVING AS IF THE OLD MAN WERE DEAD, BUT ALIVE TO GOD
  - A. ROMANS 6: [11] IN THE SAME WAY, COUNT YOURSELVES DEAD TO SIN BUT ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.
    - I. THE POINTS ABOVE.
      - (1) MAKE YOURSELF DEAD TO SIN. THE LUSTS OF THIS WORLD.
      - (2) ALIVE TO GOD, FIND OUT WHAT HE WANTS OF YOUR LIFE.
- 5. BY REFUSING THE REIGN OF SIN; PERMITTING THE REIGN OF GOD IN THE BODY
  - A. ROMANS 6: [12] THEREFORE DO NOT LET SIN REIGN IN YOUR MORTAL BODY SO THAT YOU OBEY ITS EVIL DESIRES. [13] DO NOT OFFER THE PARTS OF YOUR BODY TO SIN, AS INSTRUMENTS OF WICKEDNESS, BUT RATHER OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD, AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM DEATH TO LIFE; AND OFFER THE PARTS OF YOUR BODY TO HIM AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. [14] FOR SIN SHALL NOT BE YOUR MASTER, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW, BUT UNDER GRACE.
    - I. NOW WE ARE GOING TO START GETTING THE CLEAREST UNDERSTANDING OF SIN IN ALL THE BIBLE.
      - (1) REIGN - THIS IS LIKE A KING, JESUS CALLS IT A MASTER.
        - (A) MATTHEW 6:24 "NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS. EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY.
      - (2) IT CAN REIGN IN THE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY OF MAN.
        - (A) ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE WORD.
          - (i) HEBREWS 4:12 FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE. SHARPER THAN ANY DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD, IT PENETRATES EVEN TO DIVIDING SOUL AND SPIRIT, JOINTS AND MARROW; IT JUDGES THE THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF THE HEART.
      - (3) DRUNKENNESS IS AN EXAMPLE.
        - (A) AT FIRST, IT GIVES A GOOD FEELING??
        - (B) THEN IT TAKES MORE AND MORE TO GET THE FEELING YOU WANT.
        - (C) AND FOR MANY, IN THE END YOU ARE CONTROLLED BY THE ALCOHOL.
          - (i) THIS IS THE WAY LUSTS WORK.
  - B. INSTRUMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS MEANS »STRONG'S HELP HOPLON, GREEK 3696, STRONG'S HOPLON, HOP'-LON; PROBABLY FROM A PRIMARY HEPO (TO BE BUSY ABOUT); AN IMPLEMENT OR UTENSIL OR TOOL (LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE, ESPECIALLY OFFENSIVE FOR WAR) :- ARMOUR, INSTRUMENT, WEAPON.

INSTRUCTIONS OF OLD RELATIONSHIP TO SIN, NEW RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.  
 UNDERSTANDING THE MASTER - SERVANT RELATIONSHIP

1. ACTS OF OBEDIENCE INDICATE THE MASTER SERVED
  - A. ROMANS 6: [15] WHAT THEN? SHALL WE SIN BECAUSE WE ARE NOT UNDER LAW BUT UNDER GRACE? BY NO MEANS! [16] DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU OFFER YOURSELVES TO SOMEONE TO OBEY HIM AS SLAVES, YOU ARE SLAVES TO THE ONE WHOM YOU OBEY--WHETHER YOU ARE SLAVES TO SIN, WHICH LEADS TO DEATH, OR TO OBEDIENCE, WHICH LEADS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS?
    - I. WE ARE NOT UNDER GRACE SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SIN.
    - II. WE ARE UNDER GRACE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BE SAVED.
    - III. LEADS TO DEATH.
      - (1) »STRONG'S HELP THANATOS, GREEK 2288, STRONG'S THANATOS, THAN'-AT-OS; FROM GREEK 2348 (THNESKO); (PROPERLY AN ADJECTIVE USED AS A NOUN) DEATH (LITERAL OR FIGURATIVE) :- × DEADLY, (BE...) DEATH.
        - (A) WHEN SIN IS INDULGED IN, SOMETHING DIES.
          - (i) THAT IS WHAT GOD WAS TELLING ADAM IN THE GARDEN.
          - (B) IF I STEAL, MY INTEGRITY DIES.
          - (C) IF I COMMIT ADULTERY, MY HONOR DIES.
          - (D) IF I HAVE ANOTHER GOD, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD EITHER DIES OR GETS VERY SICK.
      - IV. IN THE EARTHLY MINISTRY OF JESUS YOU SEE HIM CONTINUING TO DO BATTLE WITH DEMONS, WE NEED TO FEW SIN IN THE SAME LIGHT. SIN IS LIKE A DEMON, IT CAN POSSES.
      - V. OBEDIENCE LEADS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
        - (1) TWO ASPECTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF, IF I PUT ON CHRIST, THEN I HAVE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST.
        - (2) I AM TOLD TO PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, [CHRIST] THAT IS OBEDIENCE.
        - (3) I CAN NOT PUT ON CHRIST AND STILL SIN.
  2. A CHANGE IN ACTS OF OBEDIENCE INDICATE A CHANGE IN MASTERS
    - A. ROMANS 6: [17] BUT THANKS BE TO GOD THAT, THOUGH YOU USED TO BE SLAVES TO SIN, YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY OBEYED THE FORM OF TEACHING TO WHICH YOU WERE ENTRUSTED. [18] YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN AND HAVE BECOME SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.
      - I. WHAT ARE WE TO THANK GOD FOR
        - (1) THAT WE CONTINUE TO SIN.
        - (2) OR WE ARE NOW YIELDING TO ACTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?
      - II. YOU ARE NOW WHOLEHEARTEDLY OBEYING.
        - (1) 1 COR. 6:11 AND THAT IS WHAT SOME OF YOU WERE. BUT YOU WERE WASHED, YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.
        - (2) 2 COR. 3:1-3 ARE WE BEGINNING TO COMMEND OURSELVES AGAIN? OR DO WE NEED, LIKE SOME PEOPLE, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO YOU OR FROM YOU? [2] YOU YOURSELVES ARE OUR LETTER, WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS, KNOWN AND READ BY EVERYBODY. [3] YOU SHOW THAT YOU ARE A LETTER FROM CHRIST, THE RESULT OF OUR MINISTRY, WRITTEN NOT WITH INK BUT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, NOT ON TABLETS OF STONE BUT ON TABLETS OF HUMAN HEARTS.
        - (3) 2 COR. 3:18 AND WE, WHO WITH UNVEILED FACES ALL REFLECT THE LORD'S GLORY, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS WITH EVER-INCREASING GLORY, WHICH COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO IS THE SPIRIT.
        - (4) EPHESIANS 4:24 AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.
      - III. HOLINESS
        - (1) 1 COR. 1:30 IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM THAT YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO HAS BECOME FOR US WISDOM FROM GOD--THAT IS, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOLINESS AND REDEMPTION.
        - (2) 1 THESSALONIANS. 4:3-4 IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU SHOULD BE SANCTIFIED: THAT YOU SHOULD AVOID SEXUAL IMMORALITY; [4] THAT EACH OF YOU SHOULD LEARN TO CONTROL HIS OWN BODY IN A WAY THAT IS HOLY AND HONORABLE,
        - (3) 1 THESSALONIANS. 4:7 FOR GOD DID NOT CALL US TO BE IMPURE, BUT TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE.

- (4) 2 THESSALONIANS. 2:13 BUT WE OUGHT ALWAYS TO THANK GOD FOR YOU, BROTHERS LOVED BY THE LORD, BECAUSE FROM THE BEGINNING GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE SAVED THROUGH THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE SPIRIT AND THROUGH BELIEF IN THE TRUTH.
  - (5) 1 TIM. 2:15 BUT WOMEN WILL BE SAVED THROUGH CHILDBEARING--IF THEY CONTINUE IN FAITH, LOVE AND HOLINESS WITH PROPRIETY.
  - (6) HEBREWS 12:14 MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL MEN AND TO BE HOLY; WITHOUT HOLINESS NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD.
  - (7) 1 PETER 1:2 WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE SPIRIT, FOR OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST AND SPRINKLING BY HIS BLOOD: GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.
3. THE MASTER SERVED INDICATES THE NATURE OF OBEDIENCE
- A. ROMANS 6:[19] I PUT THIS IN HUMAN TERMS BECAUSE YOU ARE WEAK IN YOUR NATURAL SELVES. JUST AS YOU USED TO OFFER THE PARTS OF YOUR BODY IN SLAVERY TO IMPURITY AND TO EVER-INCREASING WICKEDNESS, SO NOW OFFER THEM IN SLAVERY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADING TO HOLINESS. [20] WHEN YOU WERE SLAVES TO SIN, YOU WERE FREE FROM THE CONTROL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
  - I. UNTIL THE INNER MAN GROWS TO MATURITY, YOU MUST ACT IN THE SAME MANNER THAT YOU USED TO ACT, JUST A DIFFERENT MASTER.
    - (1) WHEN YOU SINNED.
      - (A) THE LUST OR DESIRE CAME TO YOU.
      - (B) YOU HAD TO THINK ABOUT IT.
      - (C) YOU HAD TO DECIDE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU WANTED TO DO.
      - (D) THEN YOU MAY GO THROUGH SEVERAL ACTS BEFORE YOU FINALLY BECAME A SLAVE TO THE SIN.
    - (2) IN THE SAME WAY, NOW ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE CONTROLLED BY ACTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
      - (A) LOOK AT THE ACT;
        - (i) GALATIANS 5:22-23 BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, [23] GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.
        - (ii) EPHESIANS. 5:9 (FOR THE FRUIT OF THE LIGHT CONSISTS IN ALL GOODNESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH)
        - (iii) JAMES 3:17-18 BUT THE WISDOM THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN IS FIRST OF ALL PURE; THEN PEACE-LOVING, CONSIDERATE, SUBMISSIVE, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUIT, IMPARTIAL AND SINCERE. [18] PEACEMAKERS WHO SOW IN PEACE RAISE A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.
      - (B) THINK ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF IT.
      - (C) THEN ACT ON IT.
      - (D) AND IN TIME IT BECOMES YOUR NATURE.
        - (i) 2 PETER 1:4 THROUGH THESE HE HAS GIVEN US HIS VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE AND ESCAPE THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY EVIL DESIRES.
4. FRUIT PRODUCED INDICATES SPIRITUAL STATE AND DESTINY
- A. ROMANS 6:[21] WHAT BENEFIT DID YOU REAP AT THAT TIME FROM THE THINGS YOU ARE NOW ASHAMED OF? THOSE THINGS RESULT IN DEATH! [22] BUT NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN AND HAVE BECOME SLAVES TO GOD, THE BENEFIT YOU REAP LEADS TO HOLINESS, AND THE RESULT IS ETERNAL LIFE. [23] FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
  - I. THE RESULT OF THE FRUIT YOU PRODUCE BRINGS RESULTS.
    - (1) ROMANS 7:4-5 SO, MY BROTHERS, YOU ALSO DIED TO THE LAW THROUGH THE BODY OF CHRIST, THAT YOU MIGHT BELONG TO ANOTHER, TO HIM WHO WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT BEAR FRUIT TO GOD. [5] FOR WHEN WE WERE CONTROLLED BY THE SINFUL NATURE, THE SINFUL PASSIONS AROUSED BY THE LAW WERE AT WORK IN OUR BODIES, SO THAT WE BORE FRUIT FOR DEATH.
    - (2) PHILIP. 1:11 FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES THROUGH JESUS

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- (3) HEBREWS 12:11 NO DISCIPLINE SEEMS PLEASANT AT THE TIME, BUT PAINFUL. LATER ON, HOWEVER, IT PRODUCES A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT.
- II. SIN HAS TWO RESULTS.
  - (1) PRESENT - SHAME AND A LACK OF REWARD
  - (2) FUTURE - A LOSS OF REWARD
- III. RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS TWO RESULTS
  - (1) PRESENT - A LIFE OF HOLINESS
  - (2) FUTURE - UNIMAGINABLE REWARDS.
- IV. SIN HAS RESULTS -IT IS A WAGE, SOMETHING ONE EARNS, IT BRINGS DEATH.
- V. THE GIFT OF GOD IS LIFE.
  - (1) JOHN 6:27 DO NOT WORK FOR FOOD THAT SPOILS, BUT FOR FOOD THAT ENDURES TO ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH THE SON OF MAN WILL GIVE YOU. ON HIM GOD THE FATHER HAS PLACED HIS SEAL OF APPROVAL."
  - (2) JOHN 10:28 I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH; NO ONE CAN SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND.
  - (3) ROMANS 3:24 AND ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS.
  - (4) EPHESIANS. 2:8-9 FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH--AND THIS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD-- [9] NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.