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## *Taking a Look at the Underbelly of What Sources Our Faith*

### **ROMANS 6 – IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST**

#### **I. ACTS 17:28 "FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING..." (NIV)**

- A. The **New Birth** Starts a Dramatic Change to Life as We Knew It
1. We become **the very expression of His life** to the world around us.
  2. That "expression" is no small matter, since He fully entrusts us with the responsibility to demonstrate His goodness and attributes in a dark world.
    - a. It is by no means a secret or quiet work since it demonstrates a radical change in our heart and the way we "do life."
- B. Another Facet to a Solid Construction of a Maturing Life in Christ is **Understanding** the Experience of Romans 6

#### **II. REDEEMED FROM SIN – RELEASED FROM THE POWER OF SIN – AND OVERCOMING SIN!**

- A. Three Basic Keys of Understanding that Keep Us Living in this Threshold of Victory and Our Full Identification with the Lord of All.
1. Romans 6 teaches us that we have been redeemed from sin as well as its domination over our lives. **Once we were dominated (slaves to) by \_\_\_\_\_ but we have been transformed into overcomers!**
- B. **I Am \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ**
1. **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (NIV)
  2. **Romans 6:1-7** "1 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? 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."

3. **(Cont.)** “<sup>5</sup> *If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.* <sup>6</sup> *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—*<sup>7</sup> *because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*” (NIV)
4. **So that...** The purpose of our identification with Christ is to gain the access to what the “key” unlocks. Our debt is no longer applicable to one who has died!
5. Through Christ my old nature (old man, old self) is also to be dead in its power over me!

**C. I Am \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ**

1. **Romans 6:4-10** “<sup>4</sup> *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.* <sup>8</sup> *Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.* <sup>9</sup> *For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.* <sup>10</sup> *The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.*” (NIV)
2. We have been translated into a position of power through the indwelling Holy Spirit. We are now capable and admonished to – walk in the newness of life! Our associations are to be governed by this new created order rather than being chained to the limitations and punishments of the old self.
  - a. Neither side of the life-transaction is to be ignored but lived out with confidence in the finished work of Christ.

**D. I Experience His Resurrected Life -- Daily**

1. **Romans 6:11-14** “<sup>11</sup> *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.* <sup>12</sup> *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.* <sup>13</sup> *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.* <sup>14</sup> *For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.*” (NIV)
2. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ the death of our old nature – not polish it up! It puts the “control” of our faculties into our hands not the sway of a nature we had no control over.

**III. OUR DECLARATION (THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIFE) DEMONSTRATES WHO REALLY IS IN \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR LIFE**

A. **Romans 6:15-23** *“<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> 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? <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> **You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.** <sup>19</sup> 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.** <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> **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.** <sup>23</sup> **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**” (NIV)*

1. Grace is the “New Law” of the land so to speak. It has its benefits, its cautions, its challenges – but it is what governs the new man! It enforces what Christ paid so high a price to purchase for us – freedom!
  
2. Freedom from sin, from death, and from our old, corrupted nature! This is a major understanding in the construction of the new life with Jesus as the foundation stone!