

QUESTION 4, ROMANS 6 PART 7 vs. 5-6 CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.

INTRO:

- Now in VS. 1-4 Paul has brought out 2 major facts,
 - 1) That when God saves a sinner, He plunges him into His own death thus separating the new believer from his old life.
 - 2) That God at the same time has imparted in the believer His divine nature, which gives the believer both the desire and the power to do God's will.
- In vs. 5-10 Paul takes us deeper into these same truths, but from a new and different approach.

VS. 5 ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

IF: in view of the fact, or since. Not a question.

UNITED TOGETHER: Engrafted. Made to grow together. Only time used in N. T.

- It is in the perfect tense, speaking of a past complete act and its abiding results.
- Literally meaning to grow up together and speaks of a living vital union of two individuals growing up together.
 - Consider Jn. 15: Abide in Me!
 - A like word is found in James 1:21; receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls
- This uniting or grown together points to the closeness of our relation to Him in His death and resurrection.
- This uniting, engrafting is not a process. The tense is "having become."

LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH: Resemblance but not identical

- See example in 8:3; For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,
- There was no death like Christ's death, expiating sin, suffering, betrayal, etc.

LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION: Notice the GK:

- Resemblance but not identical
- The saint in his new life imparted, that is the sharing of the resurrection life of his Lord. (See vs. 4, newness of life.)
- Yet there was no resurrection like Christ's. Such victory over death and the grave, His glorious ascension and reception into glory, etc.
- Basically, what Paul is saying here in 4 and 5 is, it is as likely that we who have been baptized into Christ, that we should not be raised as it is likely that Christ would not to be raised.

VS. 6

- Here are 4 questions we must ask ourselves as we look into vs 6.
 - 1) Knowing this: what is it we are to be knowing?
 - 2) Who, what is the old man?
 - 3) What is the body of sin?
 - 4) What is meant by the phrase translated, "done away with?"

#1) KNOWING THIS: To come to know.

- Please notice like in verse 3, Paul makes the assumption that these first century Christians in Rome would be knowing these things.
- How about us?
- What is it that we are to know? That our old man was crucified together with Him.
- This is a knowledge that comes from faith in God's word. It is not subjective, but objective. God said it, so it is.

#2) OLD MAN:

- **OLD MAN**: Old in the sense that it is more or less worn out. Something worn out, useless, fit to be put on the scrap pile, to be discarded.
- **MAN**; Anthropos: an individual male or female.
- This description is only used by Paul, so also "new man."
- The old man, the old self, the unregenerate man.
- By the "old man." Paul does not mean the carnal nature with all its tendencies,
- Neither does he mean our moral being previous to our rebirth.
- Neither does he mean the flesh with its affections and lusts.
- Neither does he mean "old" simply in the sense of former.
- If we identify the old man with any of these ideas we will of necessity be in frustration and confusion regarding our sanctification and the Christian life.

WHAT THEN DOES PAUL MEAN BY OLD MAN?

- It will be made quite plain if we look at the context of the entire passage which begins in chapter 5, verse 12.
- The old man is the man I used to be in ADAM. This has been the context since 5:12.
- I was in Adam; I am now in Christ. It is the man I once was, outside of Christ, but which I am not any longer. I am in Christ.
- This old man is the one who was crucified with Christ, the man who was by the Spirit baptized into Christ's death.
- I have ceased to be the man that I was in Adam. That man died.
- It is my old humanity, it is not my weak sinful nature, but the old man I was in Adam, he is now gone, done away with, crucified in Christ.
- Paul also did not say that this was a process, Paul used the aorist tense, he said this crucifixion had happened once and forever, it happened once to our Lord and once for us who are in Him.

- That old man, the man I was in Adam died and with that, I died to sin.
- That old man died my old Adamic nature, the man that I was by natural birth.
- Part of the reason this is hard to grasp is that we were never aware that we were someone in Adam,
- We were just who we were when unsaved, but this is the miracle of the New Birth, I became a new man the man God intended me to be.
- That man who was joined and united to Adam, that old man was crucified together with Christ.
- This old man no longer exists, who we were in Adam has been crucified, his habits, characteristics may raise their ugly heads, but put them off.
 - Eph. 4:22-24, Col. 3:9-10, Gal. 5:24
- In the scriptures we are never called to crucify the old man. Why, because he is already dead, crucified with Christ
- No where in scripture are we told to get rid of the old man, he has been gotten rid of, but to recon on his death.
- We are to put him off, that is to recon on the fact that he is no longer, he has been crucified.
- What we are called upon to do is to cease to live as if we were still in Adam, put the old man off and put on the new.
- The old man is an imposter, pretender. Do not be kept in ignorance, hence the words, "knowing this."
- Not to realize this is to allow the devil to deceive you and keep you from God's provision.
- The whole trouble with us according to the N. T. is that we do not realize what we are, who we are in Christ,
- We go on thinking as though we are still in the old man, in Adam or that we are the old man. So, Paul says, "knowing this."
- The experience of it will come, but only as we live it, believe it and act on it by faith.
- We are to be what God created us to be. We are to be what the grace of God has been given to us for.
- Paul commanded Timothy to be the man Christ gifted him to be, and to the church at Corinth Paul challenged them to be the men God created them to be.
 - 2 Tim. 1:6-7, God has not given you 1 Cor. 16:13 quit you like men.

IS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM:

- Christ in His crucifixion was judicially dealt with as to the question of our sin.
- One who believes on Christ acknowledges God's judgment against his sin was just and righteous, and accepts the death of Christ as the execution of that judgment upon his old man.

- Being crucified with Christ is a spiritual identification with Christ in His death. Only used twice in the epistles. Here and **Gal. 2:20**

#3) BODY OF SIN:

- Our old man is crucified with Christ, WHY: That the body of sin might be destroyed,
- And why is this? That we should no longer be slaves of sin.
- **BODY of SIN:** the human body, the believer's physical body, the body as the organic instrument of natural life. and before salvation, then dominated by or controlled by the sinful nature.
- **The body of sin then,** is regarded as an organized power acting through the members of the body and mind, though the seat of sin is in the heart, mind and will.
- The body once controlled and conditioned by sin,
- The believer's body is now to be conditioned and controlled by his new, controlling or ruling principle, which empowers to obedience unto righteousness, (**vs. 16**)
- Put off and put on. Gal. 5:16 not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.
- Our bond-service is terminated for the old self has been crucified.
- Here clearly for the first time we are introduced to the fact that the old self has been so dealt with that we should no longer serve sin.

#4) MIGHT BE DONE AWAY: Rendered inoperative, to reduce to inactivity, to render of non-effect, inoperative, to render unemployed as it has to do with sin.

- The effect of the identification of the believer with Christ in His death is to render inactive his body in regard to sin.

SERVE: To serve as a slave, to be in bondage.

- No man can serve two masters; Mt. 6:24

CONCLUSION:

Under the reign of grace even the body shall be delivered, but until the day of glorification of the body I am told this, "Let not sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey it in the lusts of it." Rom. 6:12.

We must realize the truth of what is possible for us in our bodies, even here and now, but also to look forward at the same time to the final glorious truth of our glorification, which will include the final release and setting free of our bodies. Then the whole man, spirit, soul, and body will be entirely and perfectly delivered from the reign and tyranny and the rule of sin. To live in complete and perfect holiness before our God for ever and ever. Oh, What a Day That will Be!