

QUESTION 4, ROMANS 6 PART 8 vs. 6-14 CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.

INTRO:

- As we have opened this section with verse 1 we find it opens with this question, "should we continue in sin that grace may abound, and the resolute answer comes, "God forbid."
- What we find then in these following verses in this chapter is God's answer and supply to the fulfillment of the answer.
- Paul presents 2 main facts, first, the believer stands in a position of permanent relationship of freedom to the Adamic, sinful nature and need not obey or serve it, and second the divine nature has been imparted by which he is given both the desire and the power to do God's will.

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.

- What is it that we are to know? And it has something to do with the "old man?"

#2) OLD MAN: Who is he?

- By the "old man." Paul does not mean the carnal nature with all its tendencies,
- Neither does he mean the flesh with its affections and lusts.
- Neither does he mean the sin nature.
- 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.
- Who the old man is, is made quite clear 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.
- In Adam, that is the old man, we see humanity ruled and dominated by the body, its fleshly desires, emotions and cravings. A love for self and its pleasures.
- Seeing who man is in Adam one easily realizes man's total depravity.
- 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.

- I have ceased to be the man that I was in Adam, having been crucified with Christ. 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.
- Also, Paul 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.
- The Christian is not Trying to reform, or improve the old man, his old self. The old man has been crucified with Christ.
- He is dead, the man I was in Adam died.
- 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, but to recon on his death, and put him off.
- The whole trouble with us according to the N. T. is that we do not realize or recon 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."
- Not to realize, or recon on this old man crucifixion is to allow the devil to deceive you and keep you from God's provision.

#3) BODY OF SIN: *(here's where the new material starts.)*

- So we see then 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 organic body, the believer's physical body yielding to sin.
- See how Paul uses the same word, body; VS. **12, 8:10, 11, 13**
- **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 controlled and in obedience to sin and self.
- But I have died with Christ, I have been buried with Him, risen with Him, I have ascended with Him, I am seated with Him in heavenly places;
- All this is true about me,.... but it is not yet true about my body.
- The seed and the potential for sin is still in my mortal body, my flesh, my will.
- This is what the Apostle means by the body of sin. And why I must die daily. (Lk. 9:23, take up his cross daily.)
- See a parallel with Israels deliverance from Egypt, the crossing through the Red Sea, and their entrance into the promised land.
- Though God had given them the land, yet there were enemies to fight.
- I must also clarify that the body of itself is not evil. It is not sinful.
- It is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

- Jesus had a physical body just like ours, but it had never tasted sin.
- There is not anything necessarily wrong with the natural desires, it is the excess of them and the impulse for impure desires that corrupt.
- Satan and self come along and try to entice us along the lines of various urges, desires, lusts.

#4) MIGHT BE DONE AWAY:

- Rendered inoperative, to reduce to inactivity, to render of non-effect, 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. Its power rendered inactive.
- Picture the turning lathe... Its source of power has been disabled, rendered inoperable.
- The true Christian must know discipline; we find in **Gal. 5:16-24** one of the fruits of the Spirit is "Self-Control."
- Paul talks about keeping his body under. **1 Cor. 9:24-27**
- Put off and put on. **Eph. 4:20-24** not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.
- Our bond-service is terminated for the old self has been crucified.
- The old self, man is crucified, but we are left with our flesh, with our bodies, which can be either good or evil.
- This truth is the subject of verses 11-16, where we are instructed how to deal with the body of sin and the lusts of the flesh.
- It is plain to see that the lusts of the flesh, that sinful propensity for self and evil is still around and needing to be daily crucified. (**Eph. 4:20-24**)
- If the flesh or our sinful nature were eradicated, why are we instructed by Paul how to deal with it.
- Our Spirits have been delivered and redeemed in Christ but the body is not yet delivered and this the pain Paul expresses in **Rom. 8:22,-25**,
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VS. 7: Freed from sin: A judicial declaration: to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous; To be acquitted.

Vs. 10, 11: As Christ died paying for sin once and only once, and now lives for God alone, even so we too are to recon that we have died to sins dominion and are by the power of the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead to live unto God alone and not fall back in serving self and sin.

- **RECON:** To count, compute, to calculate. Count on it.
- We must reason, count on what God's word tells us what He had done. **OBJECTIVE** and act on it.
- Don't fall for the deception: Blind folded on a board and pretended to be lifted up.
- Our Lords death not only paid the penalty of the Christians sin, but it also was used by God to break the power of indwelling sin in the believer's life.

- Recall the lyrics concerning the blood and death of Christ in the old hymn Rock of Ages Cleft for Me.
- "Be of sin the double cure; save from sin and make me pure."

Vs. 12

REIGN: To exercise kingly lordship or power, thus allowing the sinful nature to reign as king in the mortal body.

- The sinful nature is a dethroned monarch; do not let it mount the throne of your heart.

VS. 13- 14:

PRESENT: a once and for all action to be done at once. Put yourself at once and once for all at the disposal of God as actively alive from the dead.

INSTRUMENTS: Weapons. The weapons of the Greek soldier. Paul thinks of our members as weapons to be used in Christian warfare against evil.

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. Sin shall not have dominion. 6:14

CONCLUSION:

We must realize the truth of what God has done for us in the death of Christ.

It is our privilege now to live to please God, to put off the old man and put on the new. Be done with that sin that had so easily beset us.

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! 1 Cor. 15:52-57