

**PUT OFF – PUT ON**  
**Pt. 1**  
**DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD**

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I want us to turn in our Bibles to the book of **Romans**. We've been kind of pursuing these Scriptures, and I don't know how far we'll get. But what matters is what The Lord will speak into our hearts. We've been looking in **Romans** chapters 4 through 6, and I just felt impressed of the Lord to follow some of this out because Paul is writing a continuous letter: an epistle to the Church. And I believe that also applies to you and I today that are in The Body of Christ. And we've been dealing a lot with the 'Putting Off and the Putting On'. That's really been the subject. But the Reality of what we are really saying is that we might come to see and understand that there is an old creation and an old man, and even an old covenant that has been put off by Christ at The Cross! And that since the Death and Burial of Christ: and then He comes forth in the Resurrection, He brings forth an altogether New Creation. He brings a New Covenant. That is basically what we've been sharing: the Reality of this and we've been dealing specifically with the mind being renewed.

The first thing we must look at is having our minds renewed. We often say that when we come to the Lord we still have our same eyes, our same ears, our same feet. We still have all the faculties of this natural body when we come to the

Lord. And we're going to see that those faculties, or what we call the members of our body: that they were submitted to the lusts of our flesh, to the devil, to the kingdom of darkness before we came to the Lord. A lot could be said there. Now we're going to find that Paul brings in an understanding of that: for those that are in Christ, how that they have passed from that and come into a New understanding. And the members that at one time had submitted to, and were given over to the lust of the flesh, and to the principalities and powers of Satan and all of that. But now there is a Transforming that takes place, and there is absolutely another Man, another Creation. We have the same body, we have the same members: but now these members of this body are yielded unto the Spirit of God, unto the Word of God. And now they will be a "Living body" or "Living sacrifice" unto God. They were dead. The Bible speaks of "the body of sin, the body of death."

But I want us to pick up now in **Romans 6** where we see that Paul was showing to the Believer how he was dead to sin. And in order to understand being "dead to sin", we have to understand that that Death took place in the Person of the Lord Jesus Himself. It's not because of something that we've done. But it's because we have faith, and we act and believe on that which God has done through Christ. So Paul deals with that whole thing: that if we've been Baptized into Jesus Christ, then we have been Baptized into His Death. If we've been planted in the likeness of His Death, we also shall be raised in the likeness of His Resurrection. All of that comes through **Romans 6 verse 5** and shows us that. And it says, "... *even so we should walk in newness of life.*" That's the latter part of **verse 4**. Now Paul is showing that because of being raised up with Christ, living with Christ, living by Christ:

when we were Baptized into Christ we were Baptized into His Death.

Now coming to an understanding that we been Baptized into His Death, then Paul says we should walk in “Newness of Life”. It’s a new way: absolutely it’s a way in which you and I had not known prior to coming to the Lord Jesus. And of course the Work of the Holy Spirit: why God sends the Spirit of His Son in our hearts, brothers and sisters, is that He might teach us and show us the Reality that we have in Christ through His Resurrection. Now that’s where we are made alive. We were put to death in His Death, but we were raised in His Resurrection.

**Romans 6:5**, “ *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*” And all I’m going to say now about that verse is we come from Death to Resurrection! That as He has been put to Death, and as we have been “planted together...” This word ‘together’ means ‘as one, in one’. Actually it even deals with union: coming into, with Him. So we have been planted together in the likeness of His Death. Now the emphasis must be seen and understood that it is HIS Death, because if we don’t we’ll always be trying to kill ourselves. And we never accomplish anything that way. But it was His Death: so then if we were brought together and planted together in the likeness of His Death, then Paul is automatically saying, we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection. So it’s His Death and it is His Resurrection. His Death was to crucify the old man, and even His Death was to set us free from The Law. We’ll get to that.

There are still so many people who try to be justified by The

Law, and find the more that they try, they fail. But when they find they are justified by Christ they find out that by The Law they are still sinners regardless of how man tries to be justified by The Law. And we're going to hit that Law one of these days. But what I'm saying is that Paul brings something here now. **Romans 6:6**, "*Knowing this ...*" knowing what? Knowing that our old man died with Christ. Knowing that Christ died: we died and Christ died to sin. Now He didn't just die for some sin. Well He did die for sins, but He didn't just die for some sins. HE DIED AS THE MAN OF SIN. We see that vividly in **Romans 5** with the two men. Now **Romans 6**: "*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.*" Now, how are we dead? Paul said, "He that is dead is free from sin." Now we understand how we are dead and free from sin is that He died unto sin. Let's go to **Hebrews 10** and I want to read something here. **Hebrews 10** tells how they offered up the sacrifices: the old sacrifices under the Law. **Hebrews 10:3**, "*But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.*" Every year there was a remembrance of sins. Sounds like the Church today.

Every time you go to Church you hear about sin. You know people who were saved sit and they hear sermon after sermon, message after message: hey it's like they sit there and preach to a bunch of sinners that need to come to the Lord! That goes on and on. **Hebrews 10:3**, "*But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*" I want you to notice this: those sacrifices could NOT take away sins. Of all that they offered

as a sacrifice – it could not take away sin. **Verse 5**, *“Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:”* Now this “body” is actually The Lamb of God slain from before the foundation of the world. **Verse 6**, *“In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.”* Notice that: all of the burnt offerings, all of the sacrifices for sin. The writer of Hebrews says of all that they offered God had no pleasure in it. God didn’t get any pleasure out of burnt offerings and sacrifices: by killing and slaying those animals. Why? Because it never removed, never took away sin. That’s why God wasn’t pleased with it. God had no pleasure in something that would not remove His people from sin, but would always come and be in remembrance of sins.

So he goes on to say here in **Verse 7**, *“Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.”* And there’s two views you can look at that Scripture with. First of all He’s saying He takes away the Old Covenant: He abolishes the Old Covenant. The Cross was the abolishment of the Old Covenant. The Cross was the abolishment of the animal sacrifices and all that was offered. So He takes away the first, that He may establish the second. As long as the first remained, the second could never be established. It’s the same thing with you and I. As long as we have an understanding that we are in Adam and we are in Christ – it’s nothing but confusion! But when we come to the place and

understand the Truth: as we allow the Spirit of God to show us and open to us this understanding see that an old man has been crucified as well as an Old Covenant has been abolished by The Cross.

So He says *“He taketh away the first...”* He doesn’t allow the first to be intertwined or mixed or mingled in with the New. He doesn’t do that. He takes it away, that He may establish the second. **Verse 10**, *“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* Now, *“a body thou hast prepared me.”* And the writer says we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ. So this shows us how we are brought into Sanctification. The word ‘Sanctification’ actually means ‘a setting apart unto something’. Here we are setting apart from the Old Covenant. When we get back to **Romans** we’ll deal with the Sanctification and the setting apart from an old creation into a New Creation. And that’s what God desires to establish in our hearts: that now we have come in a New Creation. We come there because of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Now **Hebrews 10:11**, *“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:”* **Never take away sins.** I really want you to catch that: that everything of the old sacrifices could never take away sins. Now **verse 12**, talking about Jesus, *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;”* In other words He established and finished it. **13**, *“From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.”* **14** *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.* **15** *Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a*

witness to us: for after that he had said before. **16** *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*” The Old Covenant always reminds them of their sins and their iniquities. They had to always bring the sacrifices. Now we know there were different sacrifices at different feasts and at different times when they had sinned that God commanded and demanded a sacrifice for whatever that sin was. And it had to be according to what God said! See that tells us today that we just don’t do it any old way. We do it as God said. As God told Moses to build the Tabernacle, He said, “*And see that you make it after the pattern that I showed you.*” (**Exodus 25:9**) See, Moses couldn’t just go there and build the Tabernacle anyway. It had to be the blueprint, the plan, and the purpose of God in order that through that Tabernacle there would come the Reality of the TRUE Tabernacle, which is Christ. But here we find that in all of this we see the sacrifices of the old abolished.

Now we understand that in **Hebrews 10** he’s absolutely talking about the Old Covenant. But I want us to read something. Here is a New Covenant. Folks I’m telling you this is powerful! I want you to pay attention and I want me to pay attention because I’m not just here to preach to you and point fingers at you. But this whole thing is that God desires to bring us to an understanding that we can truly live victorious in Christ! That we can triumph in Christ! **Hebrews 10:16**, “*This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;* **17** *And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.* **18** *Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*” This is the last

sacrifice: this is the last offering. This is the offering that has dealt with the sin. This is the offering that has dealt with the old Adamic man: the man of sin and death. You can read about this in **Romans 5**. You'll see it. Adam was the man of sin, of death, the man of offense, judgment, of condemnation. So therefore by Christ offering His body – this body was the very thing that fulfilled all of the sacrifices pertaining to the Lamb in **Exodus 15**: how that they had to come and they had to eat the Lamb – all of the Lamb. There had to be a Lamb that was divided in every house. Well Jesus is The Lamb! His body: *"A body hast thou prepared me. Lo I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God."*

Now I just took you there to show you that all of the old could never take away sin. But now Jesus – once and for all taketh away sin. He brings a New Covenant: the New Covenant only comes by the shedding of the Blood of the Lord Jesus. See, under the Old Covenant, the blood of the bulls and lambs was for the purifying of the flesh, but it never took away sin. So now Jesus comes and He has offered Himself one time for sin. And in that now – in His shed Blood, the laying down of His Life He brings forth the New Covenant. The New Covenant – everything. Even under the Old Covenant it was said that most things are purified or purged with blood. So therefore we don't come into the New without the Blood. But it's the Blood that Jesus shed which brings the remission of sins: the forgiveness of sins, the cleansing, the atonement, the redemption that God brings into relationship with Himself.

So therefore you see it was the Blood of Jesus that was the New Covenant. It was the Blood of Jesus that you could say



is the New Testament, but it is the New Covenant – that Blood. Paul said in another place as long as the testator lives, it has no power, it has no force, it has nothing that it can work. (**Hebrews 9:16 – 22** ) But as soon as Jesus died, things changed. And we can read in Hebrews where it distinctly tells us that through the Blood of Jesus we’ve all that are in Christ have access, have entered in unto The Most Holy Place where in the Old Testament only the High Priest could enter there once a year. But now through the Blood of Jesus, we have entered into that Most Holy Place – by His Blood. God made that for you and I.

Now let’s go back to **Romans 6**, and I’m just showing you something by going where we are dead. “*For he that is dead is freed from sin.*” Now we’ve got to understand: where did we die? We died at The Cross. We died in His Death. See that is The Cross: and He died at The Cross. Do you know the Romans had a cross: they made a cross, and they had straps to hang the hands and another piece on the bottom where when they drove the nails through of those that were hanging on the cross when they died. And there’s no question that Jesus died on The Cross, but the greater Death of Jesus was not so much that He hung on the wooden Cross – which He did, beloved. But it was that He had died unto sin: He had died unto the Adamic man. And therefore in dying as that Adamic man, then He brings forth another Creation.

Now **Romans 6:7**, “*For he that is dead is freed from sin.*” Why? Because we’ve been crucified with Him. **8** “*Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:*” Now I’ve got to jump over and give you some Scripture. **2 Timothy 2:11**, and I want you to notice what is

written here. *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:”* Also look at **verse 10**, *“Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”* I want you to catch something here. You know we talk about “Salvation”— ministering Salvation. And here we find plainly that Paul says that we obtain Salvation which is in Christ Jesus. Salvation isn't something apart from Him. Salvation is Him. Actually the all-inclusiveness of the word “Salvation” means that there is a deliverance that is always working within us. A deliverance. And so we obtain the Salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. **Verse 11**, *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* And there's a lot that could be said on those verses, but I want you to see that it is a faithful saying. *“For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him.”* Now I know how the church takes that verse of Scripture and says, ‘Well you know Christ came and He died for my sins, and one day... someday... sometime... we are going to live with Him.’

Folks, I'm telling you Paul never taught a Gospel like that. Paul always taught the Reality of coming from death and coming into Life: coming in the Resurrection Life, Newness of Life. Paul never separated The Body of Christ: that the Church, the Believers are here on the earth, and Christ is somewhere up in the sky that people think is Heaven, and they are this far apart. No! He's never predicting that in the Scripture. He is predicting the Reality that as we have been planted together in the likeness of His Death, we shall also be in the likeness of His Resurrection. Automatically what

came after the Death and Burial was the Resurrection. What determined that was three days. Three days – because the Scriptures had foretold in the Old Testament how that He would come and how He would suffer, and that He would raise from the dead.

So we find Paul saying here that if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. Now – **KNOWING** ... and I put a lot of emphasis on this word “knowing”. Do you know why I do that? Because God wants you and I to know it! Not some day – NOW! God wants us to know it! **1John 5:** I want to read something to you. Again, we must know. Folks, I’m telling you this Reality of the Life of Christ in His Church, in His Body, in the Believers is NOT a guessing game. It is something that is real, and it is real now because in His Divine Glory and in His Divine Presence He lives, inhabits and abides in us! In His people. Not just in us that are here now. I wouldn’t dare lower God’s Divine Presence to us few that are here now. But I’m telling you His Body: those that are truly Born Again of the Spirit of God – wherever they are, wherever they are gathered, I’m telling you God desires that we come to KNOW. This is not a guessing game!

I was talking to somebody sometime ago and they said you can’t know that you are saved until you die. That would be a sad time to know it, wouldn’t it? The Word of God tells us that we know that we have passed from death unto Life! My God, there is no guessing game! That is a Reality that is in Christ! This is where God desires that a people would walk: in Newness of Life. This is a way that we’ve not gone before, folks. Not even in understanding have we comprehended what God is speaking into our hearts. We’ve read Scripture

after Scripture: we've quoted Scripture after Scripture, and yet this thing has to be written in our hearts, that it becomes a Reality. And when I say that I'm not talking about the heart that pumps the blood: but it's the inward man. It's the part of you that is Eternal.

So now in **1John 5:13**, *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."* Oh beloved, I know how people take that Scripture and say one day we're going to have Eternal Life. One day we're going to go to Glory Land. One day we're going to go to Beulah Land. Do you know what the word 'Beulah' means? In **Isaiah 62** it tells us there that we are married. 'Beulah' speaks of a relationship that a people comes to: in union, and becomes as one, and unified by the Spirit – the Body of Christ. That's what 'Beulah Land' is. Glory to God, it's a people joined together unto HIM, folks. So John says, *"That you may know that you have eternal life."* When do you have Eternal Life? After you die? No, that's what a lot of people believe. I've actually had preachers reach out and catch ahold of my skin and kind of pull it and say, 'Looks like to me you are still in the flesh.' Sure I'm in the flesh, but you know what? That's not my Life! That's not my Life.

**Galatians 2:20**, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* That's the Life! That's the Life I live! I don't live by the flesh. I'm in a flesh body, but I don't live there. It's the Life – that's what Paul is saying in **Galatians 2:20**. It is **CHRIST** who lives within me: so He's

the Life. So now because He is the Life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me. Not someday – today. Look at **1John 5:11**, *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”* Isn’t that beautiful? So where is this Life? What is Eternal Life? It is His Son. It is Jesus Christ the Lord of Glory! It is Him! That’s Eternal Life. It’s not something God gives you outside of His Son. It is His Son living and abiding and dwelling in you and in me. **1John 5:11**, *“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”* Breathe all you want, sleep all you want, work all you want, play all you want, do whatever you want to do in this world. But I’m telling you that if you have not The Son of God living and abiding in you, you are not a child of God!

*“Except a man be born again – Born from above, born anew... Except one be born of the spirit of God he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”* That’s the only way of entering. And I’m going to tell you something: we have The Son, the Fruit and the Life of The Son is what is going to be manifested. It isn’t going to be this old thing of the flesh being manifested. It’s going to be the Life of The Son that’s coming forth as a Light and Life into the world. Now going back to **Verse 13**, *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God...”* See, he’s not writing these things to somebody that’s not in Christ. Is that what he said there? *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him...”* not in ourselves. The confidence we

have is in Him! *“...that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”* There’s so much here.

But let’s go down to **Verse 19**, *“And we know that we are of God...”* Do we really know this? See, we’ve got to come to know whether we are of God or whether we’re not. *“If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”* That’s what **Romans 8** says. What does the Spirit of Christ do? The Spirit of Christ glorifies and manifests the nature and the character of Christ: the fruit of Christ. *“And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.”* And what he’s saying there is all of those that are not of God, not in Christ – they lay in wickedness. This is what I’m coming to: **Verse 20**, *“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”* In other words, everything else other than that is idols. Keep yourself from that: come to that Truth, of that understanding. We are in Him, we are in His Son, and this is the True God and Eternal Life. Right now – in Him! It’s Him! Folks, Eternal Life is Him who lives and abides and dwells and inhabits a people. Not outside of a people: One who is within a people. How did He get in us? He got in us because we were Born of that Spirit. Paul says it like this in **1Corinthians 6:17**, *“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”*

See, we that are joined to the Lord: everyone that’s joined to the Lord - God doesn’t have one Spirit and you have another. You have The Spirit of Christ living, abiding, dwelling in you! You have The Spirit of Christ living in you – to teach you, to guide you, to lead you! You have The Spirit

of Christ to bring conviction in our hearts. We have the Spirit of Christ. Oh, I get carried away with this! Not someday – NOW!

Alright, let's go back to **Romans**. I tell you that it is such a joy and pleasure to sit and go to the Word of God with the Body of Christ. I mean that: it is such a joy to sit and go in the Word and let the Spirit of God speak in our hearts, and let this become a Living Reality – now. And you know what? When the old physical body is gone, it will still be a Living Reality because the things that are in Christ now – never grow old! They never become stagnant. It's real – it's real. It's real in my soul! And you know that's where it's got to come to. We've got to see, to understand: where is He today? He is in you! He's in you: that's where He is! Jesus was saying to His Disciples, *"At that day you will know... when I go back to the father: at that day you will know. When I come again you will know I am in my father, you are in me, and I am in you."* **John 14:20**.

Almighty God! I tell you Jesus could never get inside of someone when He had that robe of flesh. But when He ascended back unto the Father, He came back in the form of the Spirit to dwell in every Believer. And that's what He said. He told His Disciples in **John 14**: He said I am here with you now, but I shall be **IN** you! See, what was the difference when Jesus walked the earth? The difference was that Jesus was The Son of God. He was The Living Word, and the people believed on Him. No doubt, they believed on Him. But folks, He wasn't in them! So when He ascended back to the Father, He came back: but He's not coming back in a fleshly form to get inside. He comes back in The Spirit that He is. And we have received His Spirit! We haven't received just

any spirit folks. We've received HIS Spirit. It's so good!

So back in **Romans 6:8**, *"Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."* Then we went to **2 Timothy 2:11**, *"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:"* It told us the same thing. **1 Peter 2:24** will tell you the same thing: that you're dead to sin. **Romans 6:9**, *"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."* See, when He is raised from the dead, He ever lives unto God. He's not dealing with 'the sin issue.' The 'sin issue' has been dealt with at The Cross through His Death. He's not dealing with the sin issue: He's dealing now with how He lives unto God. He died once to sin, and now that He has risen from the dead – He lives! See we have to understand folks, that He died as you and me: as the Adamic man. And He rose to bring forth a New Creation People. And that People is the People that ever live unto God only by and through Jesus Christ! That's why we can go back to **John 14:6**, *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* He's the Door. **John 10**. I'm the Shepherd. So He died unto sin once, but in that He liveth, He lives unto God.

Now look at **Verse 11**, *"Likewise..."* What does this word 'Likeness' mean? Even as... even as. *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Now let's take that verse, and let's take it right here in **verse 10**. *"For in that he died..."* Everybody can easily understand that Jesus died, can't they? I mean there isn't really any Believer that doesn't believe that Jesus Christ died and even rose. And it is very



important that we understand this: “... *he died unto sin once.*” **HE ONLY DIES TO SIN ONCE.** “... *but in that he liveth...*” and the ‘liveth’ means that He has been raised from the dead now. He’s no longer dwelling in the tomb of the dead. He’s been raised. “... *but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*” **11** *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*” See that’s the only way. Folks, there’s no other way that you can reckon this except through His Death and through His Resurrection.

No other way that we can be dead, be crucified, put to death other than to realize it was done in HIS crucifixion, in HIS Death. And there’s no way that we can Live and have that Life abiding in us except we come forth in HIS Resurrection. You know I quote this Scripture so much, but I’m going to quote it again. **Romans 8:11**, “*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*” The body was dead because of sin, but is alive because of the righteousness of God.

Alright, back to **Romans 6:11**, “*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin...*” See, it’s not just to reckon ourselves dead: ‘well I died with Christ’. No, He died as the man of sin: so He died unto sin. So we’ve got to reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto the sin, but alive unto God through Christ. Why? Because God raised Him. Peter says Christ died in the flesh, but He was quickened by the Spirit. **(1 Peter 3:18)** Why did He die in the flesh? He didn’t die for any sins He ever committed because He was without sin. He could’ve never taken and dealt with sin the way He did if He

was sinful. He was without sin, so He takes that in Himself and He dies as that creation. Let's go further. **Verse 12**, "*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*" Now I've sat with some people and have never truly understood these next verses of Scripture, because people want to bring it into the present and don't realize what he's saying. This word 'reign' means to have dominion and full of authority. "*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*" **13** *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*" See, at one time we yielded our members as instruments unto sin, but we have to catch this. NOW we are alive from the dead! And folks, you know Paul is not speaking to a people who have been laid 6 feet in the grave and that's come up out of the grave. He can't be!

The whole context of the Scripture here is dealing with how Christ died unto sin: how He died as the Adamic man. So he says you are "alive from the dead." And now something happens with the members: now where if you stole – you steal no more. Wherein if you lie – you lie no more. Wherein if you committed fornication – you commit fornication no more. Wherein if you do this, and you do that – you don't do it anymore. **14**, "*For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*" Now why is Paul saying that sin shall not have dominion over you? Because it was The Law that always applied sin to the man. I can't get off on that now, but I just want to make that statement. Paul said in **Romans 6:1**, "*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. 2* How

*shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" See that's the very first part of **Romans 6**. Now notice this: **Romans 6:14**, "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**15** What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." What then? All this is in question form. "Shall we continue to sin?" Why NO! That's what he's saying – NO! Just because we're not under The Law, shall we sin then?*

**Verse 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?*" We see here death unto sin, but obedience brings forth the righteousness of God.**17**, "*But God be thanked...*" And here's what you've got to catch, what many don't catch in the reading of these verses. I'm telling you this is not a mixture of the old and the New here. I want to read **Verse 15** again because this is the confusion that comes in and what so many people are not seeing. And Paul does this in various places. **15**, "*What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.***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?*" Now we know that Paul has already said that sin has been done away. We've been freed from sin. **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.***18** *Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*" You WERE servants of sin – that's what we were, folks. But NOW you are not! Do you see this? Paul is bringing you over on the other side. He's bringing you forth in

the Newness of Life. He's bringing you forth as a New Creation. See that's what you were: you yielded your members as instruments of unrighteousness. But now that we have come to Christ and we understand that through Christ's death we have died unto sin, THEN "*Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*" Your members, your faculties become that which is yielded to God, to The Word, and allow The Word of God to have manifestation in the earth.

Folks, I'm telling you that manifestation of The Living Christ has to come forth **in you**. **19**, "*I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh ...*" Paul says I'm speaking this way because of the weakness people have in their flesh, but notice this: "*... 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.* **20** *For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.*" You didn't have the Righteousness of God when you lived in the old creation man: the lust of the flesh, the vanity of the mind - all of that. See, you didn't have any Righteousness. Do you know why? Because the only Righteousness that we have is HIM! He is our Righteousness. We have no Righteousness in ourselves. It's Him who is our Righteousness. It's Him who has justified us. We're not justified ourselves. It is HIM.

Then he says in **Verse 21**, "*What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.*" He's going back and showing that all of those things that we lived in – that was the realm of death. But now we are not in that realm of death. We are in **LIFE**! Look at this, **Verse 22**, "*But now being made free from sin,*

*and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. **23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Amen.*

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