

Session #20: “PRESENT YOURSELF (YIELD) TO GOD”—Romans 6:12-16

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Why do you think that so many believers have a difficult time believing that they have been set free from the control of sin?
- Does belief in what Jesus Christ did for you on the cross have anything to do with your will? How about the application of this tremendous fact? v. 12
- Can you think of ways that you can willingly let sin reign in your mortal body? (5 ways?)
- What are some things that mean or show we are under grace? vs. 14-15
- Who do you present yourself as a slave to obey? Can you become a slave to sin overnight?
- Has God set you free, as a believer, to serve Himself? Do you still have another potential master that you can serve if you so choose?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25

1A. OUR **REALIZATION** OF CERTAIN FACTS - ROMANS 6:1-10

- 2A. OUR **RESPONSIBILITY TO THESE FACTS** - ROMANS 6:11-23
 - 1B. The **COUNTING or RECKONING we must do** – 11 - *logizomai* - used 42 times in NT; 19 in Romans! The **belief of the fact and the attitude in view** are both involved in the word “reckon” in this verse. **Why do we find it so hard to believe this?**
 - 1C. Because **of the presence and practice of sin in the life** of the believer
 - 2C. Because **it does not require any effort on our part** to make it true
 - 3C. Because **it is not visible or physical**, but rather spiritual
 - 4C. Because **of the power of temptation** upon our minds and hearts. - cf. *1 Cor. 10:13*
 - 2B. The **CONTROL we must have** – 12

Rom 6:12a **Therefore do not let** (It is emphatic! Be not at all allowing) **sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.**

1C. **It is our Responsibility** - we cannot blame it on others or circumstances - “*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body*” – **Sin is present in our members and ready to reign as king, if permitted. It is through the lusts or desires of the body that sin is ready to assume control. How does sin “reign” in your body?**

1D. By **refusing to glorify God** - cf. *Rom. 1:21-23; 3:23* Don’t take glory for yourself!

2D. By **rebelling against the known will of God** - cf. *1 Samuel 15:22-23; 1 Thess. 4:3, 7-8; 1 John 3:4* If you decide to rebel against the known will of God, you willingly open the door to sin!

3D. By **resisting the opportunity to do good** - *James 4:17* When you **don’t do what you know you should do**, you open the door to sin!

4D. By **reacting with anger instead of kindness** - *Eph. 4:26-27, 30-32*

5D. By responding to its desires and enticements – Gen. 4:7; Eph. 2:1-3; 1 John 2:15-17. Stop loving the world! Do you look to your bank account, retirement funds, your career as security for your future?

Rom 6:12b that you should obey it in its lusts.

2C. It is our Response to temptation that is the problem - “*that you should obey it in its lusts*” - NIV - “evil desires” - cf. James 1:13-15; 1 Peter 2:11-12

- 3B. The COMMITMENT we must make - 13-16 - the key words here are “*present yourselves (yield)*” and “*obey*” - previous key words were “*know*” and “*count*”

Rom 6:13 And do not present (yield) your members as instruments(tools) of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

1C. Our Responsibility is to present yourselves (yield) to God, not to sin – 13 - cf. Rom. 12:1 - Greek: *paristemi* - 46 times - “*to stand alongside of*” Regarding sin, whatever you agree to stand alongside of, you will eventually become a slave to. Stand alongside of God!!

2C. Our Recognition of the importance of the body in expressing our commitment - 1 Cor. 6:18-20

Illustration: James 3:2-10 (tongue) - v. 6 - “*the tongue is so set among our members*” What are we doing with our hands? Where are we going with our feet? What are we doing with our tongues? Are you letting your members stand alongside of any sin?

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Rom 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

3C. Our Realization of what it means to be “under grace” - 14-15

1D. It means that sin has lost its ability to dominate our lives - 14a It doesn't need to rule over your life!

2D. It means that we are not “under law” If we are under grace, we cannot be under the law! The penalty of death is gone!

3D. It means that we are not free to sin! It doesn't give us the freedom to live after the flesh, but it gives us freedom to live after God!

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

4C. The Results we experience are based solely on what we choose to obey – 16 - Greek: *hupakouo* - 21 times - Col. 3:20, 22 - *hupakoe* - 15 times - cf. Rom. 1:5; 5:19; 1 Pet. 1:2, 14, 22; Rom. 6:16 When you blow it, what does it remind you of? Have confidence in Him and what He has done for you and not in yourself! Example of Adam and Eve. To be controlled by Him and not dominated by sin! Let's love Him more!