

RECKON IT DONE
PART 5 ROMANS Chapter Six

Romans 6:10-11

*For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also **reckon** yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

RECKONING THE HEAD

The last time we spoke on Romans we saw how important 'knowing' is
We see it all over Paul's writings

Romans 6:6 **Knowing** this, that our old man was crucified with Him.

Romans 6:7 **knowing** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

THIS KNOWING IS GNOSIS WHICH IS HEART TRUTH ... REVELATION TO THE HEART

Ephesians 1:18 **SLIDE**

*I pray that your **hearts** will be flooded with light so that you can **understand** the confident hope he has given to those he called. NLT*

EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW BY HEART REVELATION, IN THIS TEXT IN ROMANS 6:11 PAUL TAKES KNOWING TO ANOTHER LEVEL.

HE TALKS TO US NOW ABOUT EDUCATING OUR MINDS

*Many of us **know & understand in our heart** but we still have trouble with our head. We have doubts in our head even though we know in our heart.*

PAUL SAYS WE MUST RECKON IN OUR HEAD WHAT WE KNOW IN OUR HEART

One minister said to me years ago, 'Christians say that when they first believed, the truth dropped from their head to their heart & they believed'.

Romans 10:10 ... *with **the heart** one believes unto righteousness ...*

... But when we grow in God, what we know in our heart needs to come back into our head. The truth needs to catch the elevator to the top floor.

WE NOW START TO GET THE MIND TO AGREE WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE IN OUR HEART.

Paul says it another way to Timothy regarding His Ministry to preach the gospel ... but it's the same principle.

2 Timothy 1:12 **SLIDE**

*I am not ashamed, for I **know** [heart] whom I have believed and **am persuaded** [mind] that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.*

Persuaded = I am convinced (pepeismai)

A primary verb; to convince, to pacify or conciliate (resolve, reconcile ... appease)

THE HEAD NOW BEGINS TO BELIEVE THE SAME AS THE HEART SLIDE

THIS IS THE WORD RECKON

RECKON- (logizesthe) = to reckon, count; reason, think, decide, conclude

NB This is where we get the word 'logic' from. Same word used in ...

Romans 3:28 SLIDE

Therefore, we **conclude [reckon]** that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

In our text, Paul says, you must now come to a conclusion about everything Christ did: our justification / our union with Him / our death with Him / our new life with Him.

THIS IS THE FIRST DIRECT INSTRUCTION AFTER FIVE & A HALF CHAPTERS.

IT IS SOMETHING WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO

- NOW IT'S TIME TO CONVINCING YOUR MIND OF THE TRUTH
- NOW IT'S TIME TO TEACH YOUR MIND HOW TO THINK IN FAITH
- NOW IT'S TIME TO ESTABLISH A SOLID BELIEF SYSTEM IN YOUR MIND

SLIDE AT THE FALL, MAN ATE OF THE TREE OF **KNOWLEDGE** & STARTED TO THINK HIS OWN INDEPENDENT THOUGHTS APART FROM GOD. EVER SINCE THEN, THE MIND HAS BEEN OUT OF STEP WITH GOD. IT DOESN'T NATURALLY SUBMIT OR BELIEVE. IT DOUBTS & QUESTIONS JUST AS SATAN DID IN THE GARDEN WITH ADAM.

BUT **NOW THE HEART HAS RETURNED TO GOD & IS IN CHRIST**, IT'S TIME TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS OF THE MIND WITH THIS GOOD NEWS UNTIL THE MIND SURRENDERS & ACCEPTS THE TRUTH.

This is an *application* of reasoning to conscience, affections, and will; such as is now developed by the argument. (Cambridge School)

THE MEETING OF THE MIND SLIDE

It's like you now call a meeting of logic, emotions & conscience.

You sit them down & begin to expose them to a NEW STATUS.

You say to them, 'NOW WE HAVE A NEW STATUS which will affect the way we think from now on. It will dictate how we feel from now on and it will adjust our conscience – what we will or will not allow from now on'.

They say, 'What is this new status?'

IT'S BEING DEAD & ALIVE

Romans 6:11 SLIDE

Reckon yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin, but alive to God.**

NB Here Paul didn't say, you 'DIED' to sin.

That happened in Romans 6:6, '*Our old man was crucified with Christ ...*'

Here Paul said, 'You are 'DEAD' to sin.'

DID YOU KNOW YOU ARE DEAD BUT YOU DIDN'T DIE? SLIDE

This is talking about THE NEW MAN – THE NEW CREATION.

THIS MAN WAS NOT THE SAME MAN THAT WAS CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.

THAT WAS '*THE OLD MAN*' AND *THAT MAN WAS BURIED*, NEVER TO RISE AGAIN.

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY AND YOU WILL SEE THE DELICATE DIFFERENCE IN MEANING.

The phrase 'dead to sin' here simply means ... *separated from the realm of sin* – completely detached ... like chalk & cheese – like darkness & light. This New Man is 100% the opposite to sin.

This 'new man' is dead to the sin realm / the power of sin / the penalty of sin.

OUR NEW MAN *WAS BORN DEAD* TO THE SIN REALM ... BUT ALIVE TO GOD.

'*TO DIE*' IS A VERB ... BUT '*TO BE DEAD*' IS AN ADVERB, it's not an action past or present.

IT DESCRIBES OUR NEW STATE. OUR CURRENT STATE IN CHRIST!

NB: THIS IS NOT 2 DIFFERENT STATES

DEAD TO ONE THING & ALIVE TO THE OTHER ***IS THE SAME STATE*** WITH 2 DIFFERENT VIEWS

1ST VIEW IS LOOKING BACK

2ND VIEW IS LOOKING UP

THIS MEANS ... ***YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT THAT OLD SINNER YOU WERE.***

THAT MAN DIED & NOW YOU ARE DEAD TO THAT MAN.

- YOU ARE NO LONGER THAT ANGRY, BITTER, DECEITFUL, MANIPULATING, DOMINATING, INTIMIDATING, SELF-CENTRED PERSON YOU WERE.

THIS ALSO MEANS ... ***YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT THAT VICTIM YOU WERE.***

THAT MAN DIED & NOW YOU ARE DEAD TO THAT MAN.

- YOU ARE NO LONGER THAT ...DEPRESSED, FEARFUL, ANXIOUS, INFERIOR PERSON YOU WERE. ***YOU ARE DEAD TO THAT WHOLE THING.***

A lady came to me with tears in her eyes after I had been talking about being a new creation in Christ. She said, 'If I'm a new creation in Christ, that means that whatever they (her abusers) did to me back then wasn't me, yes?' Hallelujah! I shed a tear because of how profound this truth is.

TO RECKON IS AN ACCOUNTING TERM

IT'S BALANCING THE BOOKS OF SIN & RIGHTEOUSNESS & CONCLUDING EVERYTHING CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US.

- **WHERE WE NOW ARE WITH CHRIST**
- **WHAT WE NOW HAVE IN CHRIST**
- **WHO WE NOW ARE IN CHRIST**

SHOW TO YOUR MIND THE AMAZING PROFIT IN THE LEDGER OF THE CROSS.

SLIDE THIS IS ALL SUMMED UP BY 'WHO WE ARE NOW IN CHRIST'.

'Must Reckon'

The instruction 'reckon' is a strong imperative.

IT IS SOMETHING WE MUST DO.

It's the present imperative – an ongoing requirement ...

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO DO THIS?

AN IMPENETRABLE HEAD

THIS ESTABLISHED MIND-SET ... IDEOLOGY ... ESTABLISHES A FORTRESS IN THE MIND AN IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS WHICH WILL KEEP YOUR EMOTIONS & REASON SAFE **SLIDE**

Through all the enemies attack

Through all life's trials

Through all your own failures

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE & BELIEVE WHAT YOU KNOW

A MIND THAT IS NOT CONVINCED ABOUT OUR NEW STATE IN CHRIST

... EVEN THOUGH THE HEART KNOWS & BELIEVES, IS STILL SUSCEPTABLE TO -

A sense of guilt for failing God

A feeling of condemnation

A fear of the wrath of God

A feeling inferiority to others for not being good enough

A sense of rejection

Look at ...

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 **SLIDE**

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against **the knowledge of God**, bringing **every thought** into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*

ESTABLISH A FORTRESS IN YOUR MIND. ESTABLISH AN IMPENETRABLE HEAD

RECKON YOURSELVES ... ALIVE TO GOD

Romans 6:11

*Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but **alive to God** in Christ Jesus.*

WHEN WE BRING OUR MIND, EMOTION & CONSCIENCE INTO THE OBEDIENCE OF GOD'S GRACE & **WHEN OUR MIND STOPS THINKING ITS OWN INDEPENDENT THOUGHTS ... THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE WILL FLOW THROUGH OUR ENTIRE BEING. WE WILL EXPERIENCE IT.** WE DON'T ESTABLISH OUR THINKING ACCORDING TO OUR EXPERIENCE. WE ESTABLISH OUR THINKING ACCORDING TO THE TRUTH & EXPERIENCE WILL FOLLOW.

ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST

Romans 6:11 SLIDE

Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

'IN CHRIST' EXPLODES IN EPHESIANS WITH ALL THE BLESSING THAT COMES WITH IT

Ephesians 1:3 All blessing

Ephesians 1:7 Redemption

Ephesians 1:11 Inheritance

Ephesians 1:13 Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 2:10 Created in Christ

Ephesians 2:21-22 Fitted together & built together

PLURALITY

Romans 6:11 SLIDE

Likewise you reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

NB: The YOU is plural ... YOUSELVES

As it applies to us as individuals ... this also applies to us collectively as a family

This means, we reckon our brothers & our sisters to be also dead to sin & alive to God.

This means, we speak to them as such.

This means we encourage them as such.

WE ARE LIVING IN THE LIGHT

Revelation is ready to flow into you and through you when you get your mind into the right place. It will flow freely from the wells of salvation within.

WE ARE LIVING IN THE BLESSING

Blessing is ready to flow into you and through you when you get your mind into the right place. It will flow freely from the wells of salvation within.

WE ARE LIVING IN THE LIFE

