

# SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

## Part 7 Romans Chapter Six

### Romans 6:13-16

... Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and **your members as instruments of righteousness** to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom **you present yourselves slaves [servants] to obey**, you are that one's **slaves [servants] whom you obey**, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

HERE WE'VE COME TO THE BUSINESS END OF ROMANS.

This is where, 'the rubber meets the road'. We've left the University of Doctrine & now we're in the business world.

We are called to put into practice that which we've spent years studying.

Now it's time to apply that which we've learned and begin to experience that which we've been taught ... to do our part.

**NB: In Verse 15** Paul repeats the question he already asked in verse 1 of this same chapter which was **'SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN TO GET MORE GRACE?'** But this time in Romans 1:15 Paul asks, **'SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN BECAUSE WE ARE UNDER GRACE?'**

NB: Paul's answer is different in both cases

Paul's answer to Romans 6:1 is **'YOU ARE DEAD TO SIN & ALIVE TO GOD'**.

Paul's answer to Romans 6:15 is **'YOU WILL STILL BECOME A SLAVE TO SIN IF YOU OBEY IT'**.

- **The first time** in Romans 6:1 Paul talks about sin in relation to THE NEW CREATION – OUR SPIRIT PERSON – OUR NEW NATURE.
- **The second time** here in Romans 6:15 Paul talks about sin in relation to THE UNREDEEMED FLESH – THE MORTAL BODY – THE BODY OF SIN.

THERE ARE TWO ENTITIES WITH TWO DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS TO SIN.

**SLIDE** THE FLESH IS NOT THE OLD MAN AND THE OLD MAN IS NOT THE FLESH.

1. 'THE OLD MAN' IS DEAD TO SIN AND THE NEW CREATION MADE ALIVE.  
(Romans 6:11)
2. 'THE FLESH' IS STILL ALIVE AND ACTIVE IN THE WHOLE SIN REALM  
(Romans 7:17-18)

Notice Paul's deliberate omission in Romans 6:13 **SLIDE**

He does not say,

... Do not present *[YOURSELVES TO SIN]* ...

Yet he says,

... *PRESENT YOURSELVES TO GOD* ...

Romans 6:13

*Do not present [deliberate omission] your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God** as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*

**This is a deliberate omission because YOUR 'NEW SELF' CANNOT BE PRESENTED TO SIN. IT IS DEAD TO SIN. (Romans 6:11)**

**IT IS AN ABSOLUTE IMPOSSIBILITY FOR YOUR NEW SELF TO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH SIN.**

**HOWEVER**

**YOUR FLESH IS CONSTANTLY INFILTRATED WITH SIN EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY.**

**THE UNFORTUNATE MIXUP**

- If we don't know our 'OLD MAN' has been crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6),  
We will treat the flesh as the old man & try & crucify it.  
**THE FLESH CANNOT AND NEVER WILL BE CRUCIFIED.**
- If we don't know we are made righteous within already, we will try and overcome the flesh, **thinking this makes us righteous.**  
**- So, if I stop the flesh sinning, I will be righteous in God's sight.**  
**NO! YOU ALREADY ARE RIGHTEOUS WITHIN BEFORE YOUR FLESH STOPS SINNING.**

**SLIDE** YOU NOW HAVE **A NEW NATURE** LIVING IN YOUR MORTAL BODY,  
THE BODY OF SIN.

*Someone says, how horrible for the New Man ...*

**NO! THE NEW NATURE IS NOT THREATENED BY THE 'BODY OF SIN'.**

*HE DOESN'T COWER IN THE CORNER & COVER HIS EARS SAYING, 'Oh dear, I just can't stand that language!'*

*He doesn't hide from what the flesh looks at covering his eyes saying, 'Oh how disgusting!'*

The bad things you may look at and listen to cannot penetrate the presence of the New Man ...

**BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE NEW MAN WILL CHASE OUT THE EVIL SIN AND SET YOUR FLESH FREE TO SERVE RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**LIGHT IS NEVER THREATENED BY DARKNESS BUT OVERCOMES THE DARKNESS.**

1 John 4:4 **SLIDE**

*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you [you of God]** is greater than he who is in the world.*

**The one who is within you is the 'YOU OF GOD' in Christ**

**YOU NOW HAVE PURE AND PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**WITHIN YOUR IMPERFECT MORTAL BODY.**

**THE NEW MAN – THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHIN IS NOW -**

**THE POWER WE NEED AND HAVE TO OVERCOME SIN IN THE FLESH.**

### **INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Romans 6:13 **SLIDE**

*... Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and **your members as instruments of righteousness to God.***

**NB: GOD IS NOT JUST TELLING US TO NOT LET OUR FLESH SIN ...**

*He's telling us now to make those former sinful members SERVANTS OR INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

Unfortunately, in many churches, 'not allowing our flesh to sin' is all that's taught; the object being to try and get people to become MODEL CHRISTIANS.

**But, this is what The Law teaches;** 'don't lie, don't steal, don't commit adultery' etc.

Notice The Law is all negative – telling us to **NOT SIN**, but it doesn't inspire us to live righteously. **It is 'Grace' that teaches us that.** (Titus 2:11)

THE OBJECTIVE HERE IS NOT JUST TO STOP THE FLESH SINNING BUT TO MAKE ITS MEMBERS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

HOW?

Present yourselves to God and then present your members as instruments of what??? **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHIN YOU.**

**YOU ARE ALREADY RIGHTEOUS WITHIN.** Now it's time to let that perfect righteousness filter through ... to let it be seen in our members.

We're not trying to kill sin or crucify the flesh ... but we're submitting ourselves to that greater life within us and letting that greater life already within harness the flesh for its cause.

**JESUS DID THIS:** Although his body had not known sin at all, it could have ... But Jesus' members were servants and ambassadors of perfect righteousness. **They displayed the glory of the Father.**

John 1:14 **SLIDE**

*And the Word was made **flesh**, and dwelt among us, (**and we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

HOW DID JOHN SEE THIS GLORY THROUGH JESUS FLESH?

Did it shine out mystically?

(I'm sure there was a presence about Jesus, but more than that ...)

THIS GLORY WAS SEEN IN JESUS FLESH BY WHAT HE DID ... THE WAY HE ACTED ... THE WORDS HE SPOKE ... THE SMILE HE SMILED.  
THE GLORY WAS SEEN **THROUGH JESUS' FLESH.**

So it is with us now. We are called to express the new life within through our fleshly members.

**SLIDE** YOUR OLD MEMBERS WILL BECOME WONDERFUL SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ... EXPRESSING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD FROM WITHIN.

1 Corinthians 6:20 **SLIDE**

*You were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body. (Also Isaiah 60:1-3)*

### **WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE**

THE LOOK OF THE NEW MAN EXPRESSED IN FLESH-EYES.

*Last week at the seminar, someone spoke to me about a minister of grace they had met and said, 'Oh, you could see the love of God in his eyes'.*

I thought, 'What a beautiful thing.'

The eyes of 'The Flesh' being now deep pools of love and compassion

It's often quoted, *'The eyes are the window of the soul.'*

THE NEW MAN SHINING OUT THROUGH FLESH-EYES

**YOUR EYES-MEMBER IS A SERVANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHIN.**

### **THE SMILE OF GOD**

Have you ever thought about the smile of God? God wants people to see HIS SMILE.

The New Man created in the image of Christ smiles with the most heart-warming smile of acceptance and kindness.

**BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE A FACE TO SMILE WITH, OTHER THAN THE FACE OF THE FLESH.**

*You say, 'But, I'm not beautiful like Princess Kate Middleton or Princess Mary of Denmark. **SLIDE***

**IF YOU PRESENT YOUR FACE-MEMBER TO GOD AS HIS INSTRUMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS YOUR FACE WILL SHINE WITH THE SMILE OF GOD REGARDLESS OF YOUR SKIN OR FACIAL STRUCTURE. **SLIDE****

Psalm 104:15 **SLIDE**

*[He has given] wine that makes glad the heart of man ... Oil to make his face shine and bread which strengthens man's heart.*

- *The wine in the heart is THE NEW WINE OF THE NEW CREATION.*
- *Oil on the shining face is THE OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF THE NEW CREATION.*
- *'The bread' is the ongoing revelation of the 'Logos' word of God.*

**YOUR FACE-MEMBER IS A SERVANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHIN.**

**THE VOICE OF THE NEW MAN THROUGH THE MOUTH OF THE FLESH**

*Did you know that Isaiah the prophet used to have a foul mouth?*

Isaiah 6:5 **SLIDE**

*So I said, "Woe is me, for I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King ... the LORD of hosts."*

*Isaiah became the most articulate of all the prophets.*

*He had the greatest vocabulary of them all and declared profound mysteries about the cross and the Messiah.*

**HIS FLESH-LIPS BECAME A SERVANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Ephesians 4:25 **SLIDE**

*... Putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.*

Ephesians 4:28 **SLIDE**

*Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.*

Ephesians 4:29 **SLIDE**

*Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but [speak] that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

Ephesians 4:31-32 **SLIDE**

*Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

YOUR NEW SELF DOESN'T HAVE A PHYSICAL VOICE TO DECLARE THIS NEW LIFE OTHER THAN THROUGH THE FLESH-VOICE.

YOUR NEW MAN DOESN'T HAVE ARMS WITH WHICH TO EXPRESS THIS NEW LIFE OTHER THAN THROUGH THE FLESH-ARMS.

Look at Romans 6:14 **SLIDE**

*For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under [it's] law but under grace.*

NB: 'Not under LAW' - '*Nomos*' is NOT THE LAW OF MOSES but a custom or principle like the law of gravity.

Paul's saying, '**You are NOT under Sin's Law anymore**'. This is 'The Law of sin and death' that we came under when Adam obeyed Satan and his lusts in the garden. This law that made us lustful ... angry ... prideful ... It oppressed us ... controlled our thoughts ... our feelings ... our flesh ...

**NOW WE BOW TO A GREATER POWER. A GREATER MASTER – GRACE, WHICH CANCELS THE LAW OF SIN & DEATH.**

Romans 8:10-11 NASB

*If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*