

DEAD MEN DON'T SIN

Part Two Romans Chapter Six

THIS IS A MESSAGE BRINGS ABSOLUTE VICTORY OVER SIN & SATAN

Romans 6:3-4 **SLIDE**

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To Really Understand Chapter Six We Must Be Aware of It's Context.

This chapter Six is NOT a new thought. It is a continuation of Romans 5:12-21 where we see we were naturally born into Adam & inherited a '**DEATH NATURE**'

We are stuck in it & even though we were given The Law – The Standards of God's Righteousness – The Law only confirmed our trapped position. It stimulated our conscience so we saw even clearer how much we were TRAPPED IN ADAM in the **DEATH REALM** with a **DEATH NATURE**.

Romans 5:20

God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. NLT

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The Law shows us that without Christ, it didn't matter how good we tried to be or what position we had achieved *as priest, prince, professional, pauper ... prosperous person* we were TRAPPED IN ADAM in the **DEATH REALM**. It didn't matter how much we prayed & dedicated ourselves to worship & serve God, we were TRAPPED IN ADAM in the **DEATH REALM**. It didn't matter how kind we were to our fellow man we were still TRAPPED IN ADAM in the **DEATH REALM**.

Someone could say, 'I may as well just 'go rogue' stealing what I want & murdering who I hate etc. But this is what some already do! Many other's don't do this because of society's 'Law & Order'. We'd be arrested & sent to jail. But, take away 'Law & Order' & anarchy will run rampant. IT'S 'LAW & ORDER' THAT KEEPS THE DEATH NATURE CONTAINED.

That's how we learn to survive.

THEN JESUS CAME ... HALLELUJAH. Jesus was the second Adam & THE NEW MAN. Now God presented us with a choice – a way out of Adam & the death realm into the **REALM OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS** (Romans 5:17, 18, 21)

Now, we who 'believe & Receive' God's gift of grace ... are translated out of Adam INTO CHRIST with a new '**LIFE NATURE**' Called 'New Creation'

Now in Chapter Six, Paul reveals HOW THIS HAPPENED.

KNOWING

Romans 6:3 **SLIDE**

... do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Do you not know

Many Christian's *don't know how God has set us free in Christ.*

We sing, *'He came to set the captives free ... He came to bring us liberty ...'*

BUT **WE DON'T KNOW** HOW IT HAPPENED ... WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE US FREE

Most of us know we are saved from sin. We sing *'I've been redeemed by the blood of The Lamb ... saved from sin & I know I am ... all my sins are taken away, praise The Lord!*

BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE HAVE BEEN FREED FROM SIN.

What's obvious to Paul is not to many of us. So Paul continues to expound HOW we've been set free from sin & Satan so we can begin to experience that freedom. **If we don't know what we've got we won't experience it.**

John 8:32

you will know the truth, and [knowing] the truth will set you free."

Paul sets out to show us HOW we've been made free so we no longer still try to **set ourselves free by some spiritual principle or spiritual formula.**

UNITED WITH CHRIST

Paul continues to expound this doctrine of being UNITED WITH CHRIST which he started in chapter five & as he expounds it becomes more profound. Truth becomes more profound the more we expound.

THIS IS HOW YOU WERE SET FREE FROM SIN & SATAN ...

Romans 6:3

You were baptised into His Death

NB: THE WORD 'BAPTISED' HERE DOES NOT MEAN BAPTISED IN WATER

NB: IT DOESN'T SAY 'BAPTISED IN WATER', IT SAYS 'BAPTISED INTO CHRIST'

BAPTISED INTO CHRIST MEANS WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST!

BAPTISED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH MEANS WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH!

Romans 6:5

*For if we have become united in the likeness of His death, certainly also we will be of the resurrection ('United' – *symphytoi* = closely united to)*

In classic authors it commonly means innate (naturally belonging to). It seems here used, not to introduce a new idea of planting or grafting, but only to express the close union with Christ, already intimated, into which we entered ...

SO HOW DOES BEING UNITED WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH SET US FREE FROM SIN & SATAN?

Romans 6:7 **SLIDE**

For he who has died has been freed from sin.

SLIDE LIKE A MAGNET ATTRACTING METAL Sin attracted the Romans 6:7 because The Old man was responsive to sin. The 'metal sin nature' naturally responded to sins magnetic pull and even though the person might not actually perform the sin ... his heart has been attracted to sin.

SLIDE REMOVE THE 'METAL SIN NATURE' FROM THE MAN & HE CAN'T RESPOND

Sin has no power over the man once *the sin nature has been removed*

Romans 6:6

knowing this, that our old man [sin nature] was crucified with Him, that the body of sin [sin nature] might be done away with [rendered inoperative], that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

SLIDE Kit Carson the American pioneer scout was sent out by a corrupt USA government to subdue The Navaho Indians. He had a great army of military power & might & was going to kill all males & capture all women & children. It would have been genocide except he couldn't find them. He had all the power ... but nothing to kill or capture.

So it is with sin & Satan & our death in Christ. There is nothing to capture

The other day, as I was meditating on this message, I watched 'The Count of Monte Cristo'. There was statement that stood out to me when Edmond Dantes was in the prison and his fellow prisoner 'The old Priest' died in his arms.

He said over the lifeless body, 'Goodbye priest ... now you are free as I will never be.'

SLIDE Two things happened when Jesus died for us

- **WE WERE FREED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN**, which made us 'Good with God' or right with God ... or 'righteous' (Romans Chapters 3 to 5)

BUT WHAT ALSO HAPPENED WAS ...

- **WE WERE FREED FROM THE POWER OF SIN ...**

PAUL SAID ... DO YOU NOT KNOW???

THE ISSUE OF SIN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DEALT WITH IN TWO WAYS BY JESUS' DEATH

THE DEBT WAS BEEN PAID TO GOD & THE DEBTOR RELEASED FROM SIN & SATAN

WE WERE MADE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD & WE ESCAPED THE POWERS OF SIN & SATAN

When He died I died ... yet I am alive ... cause I came to life with Him.

If we really knew this for one thing we'd stop being threatened by the devil

But as we've said before ... **THE DEVIL KNOWS WE DON'T KNOW.**

I'VE LISTED 3 REASONS WHY MANY CHRISTIANS FAIL TO LIVE IN THE VICTORY OF CHRIST & FREEDOM FROM SIN & SATAN

1. CHRISTIANS OVERSHOOT THE PRIORITY OF CROSS

Many Pentecostal & faith people say ... 'thank God for the cross but I'm going straight to the top. I'm into the resurrection ... the victory ... the power.

We have shared many messages on being seated with Christ far above ... We are united in Christ's resurrection ... IT'S TRUE, But many have never stopped to consider ...

**BEFORE WE COULD BE UNITED IN CHRIST'S RESSURECTION,
WE HAD TO BE UNITED WITH HIM IN HIS DEATH.**

Romans 6:5 SLIDE

*For if we have been (1) **united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be (2) **in the likeness of His resurrection***

BEFORE THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, THERE HAD TO BE A DEATH

*Because of this overshooting the 'Union of His Death' many 'Pentes' develop **a hyper state of having to maintain the 'UP' APPREANCE ... & EXPRESSION ...***

As one guy I knew, when you asked him how he was would always reply, 'Fired up!'

DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR VICTORY OVER SIN & SATAN IS NOT INITIALLY IN THE RESURRECTION? IT'S IN CHRIST'S DEATH

OUR FREEDOM HAPPENED BEFORE THE RESSURECTION. IT HAPPENED WHEN CHRIST DIED & WE DIED WITH HIM. UNITED IN HIS DEATH.

*Many people don't walk in the victory of the resurrection ...
because they have not known or embraced the victory of the cross*

Knowing The Death of the 'Old Nature' is accomplished, is The First Move in our freedom.

If we do not understand this point of our union with Christ's death ... we will not fully understand many other points Paul brings up after this.

EG: Romans 6:11

Reckon yourself [already] dead to sin & alive to God

Romans 6:14

For sin will not have dominion over you for you are not under the law but under grace.

Romans 7:17

It's not I who sin but sin in me

Without knowing this is an objective fact ... we will be forever trying to do what God has already done for us 'In Christ'. We will be wrestling with sin & the devil all our lives.

2. CHRISTIANS OVERINDULGE IN THE SORROW OF THE CROSS

THE CROSS SPEAKS OF JESUS DEATH.

*One traditional view of **the cross** is seeing it as a sorrowful scene. IT BECOMES A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE GET SENTIMENTAL ABOUT THE DEATH OF JESUS. Some Christians see Jesus as a martyr They carve crosses ... they weep at the cross.*

WE SEE IT IN SOME HYMNS WE USED TO SING. EG 'When I survey The Wondrous Cross' by Isaac Watts (A great writer) which has the lines ...

... See from His head, His hands, His feet, **Sorrow** and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and **sorrow** meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

We also see this sentiment expressed in 'The Old Rugged Cross'

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross; the emblem of suffering & shame. And I'll cherish that cross, where the dearest & best ... for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cling to the old rugged cross ... and exchange it someday for a crown*

IT'S TRUE THAT ON THE CROSS, **JESUS DIED FOR A WORLD OF LOST SINNERS** ... but much of the rest of this song dissolves into **sentiment** with lines such as, 'To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true ... **Its shame and reproach gladly bear.**'
We are not meant to bear the shame of the cross but receive 'The Victory of The Cross'.

WE DON'T CLING TO THE CROSS AS A MELANCHOLY SYMBOL WAITING FOR A CROWN WHEN WE DIE. **WE HAVE A CROWN OF LIFE NOW. WE ARE ALREADY REIGNING IN LIFE**
Romans 5:17

Those who receive abundance of grace & the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one Christ Jesus'

To embrace this view of the Cross will pull you right down into a melancholy Christianity ... it is shrouded with oppression & depression, where **WE'LL LANGUISH IN THE OPPRESSION OF DEPRESSION.** *I've met Christians like this ... I used to be one of them.*

LOOK AT HOW PAUL SPEAKS OF THE CROSS – **A GLORIOUS SYMBOL OF THE DEATH OF HIS ADMIC NATURE**

Galatians 6:14 **SLIDE**

*But for me, may it be never to boast (**Glory, rejoice proudly**), except in **the cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which [**cross**] the world **has been crucified to me and I to the world.** (Berean)*

HE'S SAYING ... I'M FREE THROUGH THE CROSS ... YIPPEE!

One time, many years ago, I was languishing in my Christian experience ... I'd read many books about the sorrow of The Cross ... and was feeling quite depressed. One night I was weeping & singing in sentimentality The Hymn 'Jesus, keep me near the cross' (Fanny Crosby who has written some great hymns)

That evening, I got to the verse that said, 'Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day, With its shadow o'er me.'

*When suddenly (In my mind's eye) I saw a flaming cross come flying into the room right in front of me ... It burned in glory & **COMPLETELY SHATTERED MY MELANCHOLY MOMENT.***

Immediately a new song rose in my heart. Some of the words are as follows.

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We are soldiers of the cross ... we are soldiers of the Lord
We are marching onto victory by the Spirit & The Word
Raising high triumphant voices ... we do boldly now proclaim
That the cross that set us marching, **broke our chains & set us free**

**THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST DID NOT HAPPEN IN MELENCHOLY & SORROW BUT IN
ABSOLUTE VICTORY AS HE TRIUMPHED OVER SIN**

NOT ONLY HAS THE DEBT BEEN PAID ... THE DEBTOR HAS BEEN RELEASED
YOU ARE NOW POSITIONALLY INVINCIBLE ...

You can truthfully say, 'sin will no longer have dominion over me ...'

**3. CHRISTIANS OVERLOOK THE GRACE OF THE CROSS
NOTICE OUR TEXT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT 'OUR DYING' BUT HIS DEATH**

Romans 6:3 & 5 **SLIDE**

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into His death?*

*⁴For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be
in the likeness of His resurrection*

**GOD PUT TO DEATH OUR 'OLD MAN' IN CHRIST BY A SOVEREIGN ACT
HE DID FOR US WHAT WE COULD NOT DO FOR OURSELVES
THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE FACT! GOD HAS DONE IT FOR US. IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE TO DO**

- WHEN JESUS SAID, 'IT IS FINISHED' IT WAS FINISHED FOR US ALSO.
- WHEN JESUS BOWED HIS HEAD & GAVE HIS SPIRIT TO THE FATHER ... WE DID ALSO

PUTTING US ON THE ALTER

*When I posted about this message, 'DEAD MEN DON'T SIN' on Facebook A lady in ministry
responded to my post by saying, 'Yes most of us just don't have the grace to lay down and
keep crawling off the alter. Rose Callaghan*

This is an old concept. One where we are sacrificed on the alter of sacrifice. People taught
this to try and get you to die to sin. This is HOLINESS PREACHING

I responded to this dear lady as follows ...

*We are not the ones offered up on the alter. It had to be a lamb without blemish & that's
not us. no! it was 'the lamb' that was slain upon the alter of sacrifice for us.*

When we read in Romans 12:1, 'present your bodies as a living sacrifice' ... It is NOT talking about 'killing The Old Man'. This happened upon the cross for us once & for all. It came to pass for us when we were 'regenerated'.

We are to present **our members** as a '**Living Sacrifice**' because we are '**Living**' WE are already '**IN LIFE**' as a result of Christ's death.

it's not talking about our old nature dying (that's already happened) it's talking about yielding our members in worship.

This alter in Romans 12:1 is not the alter of sacrifice ... but the alter of incense that's why it says, this is 'your reasonable worship'

OUR TEXT IS NOT ABOUT US TRYING TO DIE TO SIN IN SOME SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE THIS IS ACCEPTING THE OBJECTIVE FACT CHRIST HAS ALREADY DIED & WHEN WE BELIEVED. We were united with Christ & we benefit from it with victory over sin & Satan

BURIED WITH HIM

Romans 6:3-4 **SLIDE**

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TO BE BURIED MEANS TO BE PUT OUT OF SIGHT.

It's one thing to be dead, but its an unpleasant and oppressive thing to still have the body **sitting at your table ... sleeping in your bed ... riding in your car.**

But that's what we can be like as Christian's. Even though we know we are dead to sin ... we keep the Body of sin before us remembering how bad we were. 'I was a drug addict etc' (Giving our testimony & identifying with sinners is another thing)

WE NOW PUT WHO WE WERE OUT OF SIGHT! WE REMEMBER NO MORE WHO WE WERE WE DISCOVER WHO WE ARE NOW.

While you still see that corpse, Satan can get your focus back to how bad you were. You start to feel it again ... we become depressed & disheartened.

LET HIM / HER – THAT OLD NATURE – STAY BURIED FOREVER. YOU ARE A NEW CREATION NOW. WE ARE NOT WHO WE WERE ANYMORE. THAT PERSON IS DEAD. LET HIM BE BURIED ... NEVER TO RISE AGAIN.

ACCUSATION

Our Old identity in ADAM is gone ... No one can classify us according to failure anymore YOU'RE NOT WHO YOU WERE

You have a right to disassociate yourself from that dead man. You can legitimately refuse to accept anyone's accusation toward your past.

You can say as Paul said ...

Romans 7:17

I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. NL

***THE KEY TO LIVING IN THE POWER OF THIS
IS IN THE PRIORITY OF KNOWING THIS ...***

KNOWING IT IS AN ACCOMPLISHED OBJECTIVE FACT ... NOT SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE

JUST AS JUSTIFICATION IS AN OBJECTIVE FACT BEFORE IT IS A SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE

**THIS DEATH OF THE OLD MAN IN CHRIST'S DEATH IS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED OBJECTIVE FACT
WHEN WE KNOW THIS & BELIEVE THIS WE WILL START TO EXPERIENCE THIS TRUTH IN OUR LIVES**