

Making Reality Real

A Study of Romans Six

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Isaiah 5:13 *My people go into ***exile for their lack of knowledge***

- *The word means: to denude, especially in a disgraceful sense; by implication, to take into exile and the captives usually stripped.
(Example: Isaiah 20:4)
- Our "*lack of knowledge*" allows satan to take us into exile and parade us shamed & disgraced.
- What we do not KNOW can certainly hurt us / cost us / embarrass us / and keep us bound in chains.

2 Corinthians 2:11 *so that **no advantage** would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of **his schemes**.*

- satan delights in taking you captive and leading you in exile, out of the Kingdom, exposing your nakedness, as he did with Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:7).

Genesis 2:16-17 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil** you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Genesis 3:4-7 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!"

- Who is the one who keeps THE TRUTH from us ? ? ? tells us lies that we, as fools, believe?

5"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, **knowing good and evil**."

- The Lord never wanted us to know evil, only good.

6 When the woman **SAW** that the tree was good for food, and that it was a **delight** to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable **to make one wise**,

- Wisdom from the WORD of the LORD was rejected, but accepted from what she **saw** and **heard** from the evil one.

- People today do the same and look for knowledge from what we **see or hear**, rejecting or never looking to the LORD or His Word.

she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. (a small disobedience can result in difficult or severe consequences)
 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were **naked**; and they sewed **fig leaves** together and made themselves loin coverings.

- And they were led into exile, **out of the garden**. Our disobedience and lack of knowledge of the Word of the LORD results in a more difficult life – “*thorns & thistles*,” and the “*sweat of your face*.”
- satan disgraced them, stripped them, exposed them. He delights in making a fool of us and probably laughs as he watches us try to cover up our failures, our shame, from ‘*lack of knowledge*’ with something as useless as **fig leaves**.
- How often do we “cover up” our mistakes, defend ourselves – grab our fig leaves?
- Ephesians 6:11 & 14 *Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against **the schemes of the devil**.*
 (14) *Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with **TRUTH***

❖ We all Stand girded either with TRUTH or FIG LEAVES.

Hosea 4:6 *My people are ***destroyed for lack of knowledge**.*

- *The Hebrew word means: to be dumb or silenced, to be undone, cut down, to fail or perish, to be destroyed.
- What you do not know (being dumb) can severely hurt you, it can cause you to fail, suffer loss, and miss opportunities.

Examples:

- Being in another country and cannot speak the language, you would not know which bus or subway to take. Many people, especially young people just follow the crowd and get on any bus, never knowing the ultimate destination. For example: the bus of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, pornography, unforgiveness, anger and many others.

- If you did not know the dangers of electricity and took hold of a non-insulated wire. Now that is dumb!
- Diving into a river that you think is deep enough and not seeing a submerged log.
- Thinking that our 'fast food' diet, high in fats and sugars, and the use of insecticides is safe as our cancer rate and other health issues climb as compared to poorer nations.

What some call TRUTH is not always TRUE.

Some "truth" is according to **PERCEPTION** – from our point of view.

Examples of man's PERSPECTIVE

(to become aware of through the senses especially sight or hearing):

- It was once thought that the earth was flat and the sun rotated around the earth. In the 1600's **Galileo** with his telescope discovered that the earth revolved around the sun which was contrary to then accepted truth.

The Catholic church put him in prison for the rest of his life because this challenged their **PERCEPTION of truth**.

- Everything came into being and evolved over billions of years out of slimy goo. Known as: "the Theory of Evolution."
- In the 1600's the 'Plague' killed thousands throughout Europe. From their perspective it was carried in the air and therefore they boarded up all windows and their chimney. **WRONG!** It was carried by the rats.
- Man's 'Perspective' produced many theories that proved false over time.

During the 4th Century BC, the people and the scientists believed that simple living organisms could come into being by what they called **spontaneous generation**. They thought that NON-LIVING *OBJECTS* could give rise to LIVING *ORGANISMS*. They thought that simple organisms like worms, beetles, frogs, and salamanders came from dust and mud, and food left out generated or produced flies.

For example:

Observation: Every spring, the Nile River flooded areas of Egypt along the river, leaving behind nutrient-rich mud that enabled the people to grow that year's crop of food. However, along with the muddy soil, large numbers of frogs appeared that were not around in drier times. **Perception:** It seemed perfectly obvious that frogs came from mud. **WRONG!**

Observation: In many parts of Europe, medieval farmers stored grain in barns with thatched roofs that leaked. This led to spoiled or moldy grain, and many mice. **Perception:** It seemed obvious to them that mice came from moldy grain. **WRONG!**

Spontaneous generation lives on today in the mind of Evolutionists who explain that man, billions of years ago, began his upward evolution from the coming together of non-living inorganic chemicals, or: **NON-LIVING OBJECTS CAN GIVE RISE TO LIVING ORGANISMS.** **WRONG!**

What the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY calls TRUTH is TRUE INDEED.

His perception, His perspective of things is 'Right On,' it is TRUTH.

- John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and **TRUTH.***
- Jesus told Pilate: **I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.** Pilate said to Him, **"What is truth?"** John 18:37-38
It is a good question. Hinduism says "this is truth." Islam says "this is truth." Sikhism . . . Jainism . . . on and on.
- Jesus said: **I am THE WAY, and THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE; no one comes to the Father but through Me.** John 14:6
- **IF** you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and **you will KNOW THE TRUTH, and THE TRUTH will make you free.** John 8:31-32

- This is why it is imperative that we realize that the 'pundits' of this world, that claim to know the truth, our scientists, our experts, that claim to have the facts, are looking from their small, low-level perspective and are not always right. They are subject to question.
 - Sometimes their vision is restricted by their '*fig leaves*.'
 - Their 'fig leaves' are really exposed as they adamantly deny that there is a God and reject intelligent design and forcibly promote their theory of evolution. See: Romans 1:18-25

Therefore WE MUST: *Not be conformed to this world, this age, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that we may KNOW and DISCERN what the will of God is, that which is of good benefit, acceptable and well pleasing, the complete whole and perfect.* (Romans 12:2)

So, we MUST work on '*renewing our mind*,' KNOWING the Truth, and MAKING REALITY REAL IN OUR LIFE.

The TRUTH From Romans 6

In Romans 6 we learn a Very Important TRUTH to help us Live Life FREE from, and with VICTORY over sin.

Romans 6:1 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?*

- Now that's dumb ! A conclusion obtained from a 'fig leaf' perspective.
- Paul is referring to the reasoning of those who would say "we do not have to cease from sin because grace will increase as sin increases." A misunderstanding of what Paul said in Romans 5:20-21.

(2) *May it never be! How shall we **WHO DIED TO SIN** still live in it?*

- WHAT? "*Died to sin*" I did? When? Why do I still do these things?

(3) **OR, do you not KNOW** that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ** Jesus have been **baptized into His death**?

→ The word 'baptized' literally means "placed into."

And, if we are "in Christ," the LORD GOD sees that:

1. whatever JESUS is, WE ARE,
- and -
2. whatever happens to JESUS HAPPENS TO US.

THIS IS WHAT WE MUST KNOW:

- When we see the word "baptize" we MUST NOT IMMEDIATELY THINK WATER. And IN THIS PASSAGE THERE IS NO WATER.
- The association of the word Baptism with only water, originated because the Greek word 'Baptizoo' was not translated but transliterated. Meaning - the Greek letters were written in English letters and the 'meaning' of the word was not used.
- Baptizoo - literally means: **to place into**; to dip; to immerge, submerge (of ships sunk, dying cloth, etc.) (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon) The receiving medium may be water, but not always.
- If the Greek 'baptizoo' had been translated then we would not read baptized in our Bibles but "**placed into**."
- The preposition eis (εἰς) points to the element **into which the subject is placed**: and in Romans 6:3 we are placed "**into Christ**" and "**into His death**"
- Likewise true for: ἐν (Greek) – a primary preposition denoting **position** in place, time, or state. Translated: in, at, on, by, with.
 - Acts 1:5 for John **baptized with** (ἐν) (or "in") **water**, but you will be **baptized in** (ἐν) **the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." As stated by John the Baptist in Luke 3:16

- Mark 10: 38 Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be **baptized** with the **baptism** with which I am baptized?"
 - The cup refers to His death (Luke 22: 42) and baptized, placed into death.
- 1 Corinthians 10: 2 and all were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea
 - Placed into Moses as their leader / savior. Where he went they went.
- 1 Corinthians 12: 13 For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
 - Placed into the body of Christ.
- Galatians 3: 27 For all of you who were **baptized into** (εἰς) **Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- Colossians 1: 2 To the saints and faithful brethren **in** (ἐν) **Christ** who are at Colossae
- The LORD GOD sees everyone either "**in Adam**" or "**in Christ.**"
For as **in** (ἐν) **Adam** all die, so also **in** (ἐν) **Christ** all will be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22).

Therefore, just because we see the word "baptized" we MUST NOT immediately think WATER. The word is equally used to mean - to be placed into other mediums as well.

(4) Therefore **we have been buried** with HIM through **baptism** (being placed) **into death**, so that (for the purpose that) **as Christ was** raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we also MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

- Jesus' blood – forgave what we have **done**
- Jesus died – we died! took care of what we **are**: SINNERS
- Jesus was buried – we were buried! Finished !

- o Jesus was raised from the dead – we were raised from the dead. **This is “NEW BIRTH”**
1 Peter 1:3 *His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

- o so that NOW: **WE also MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

→ Might (NASB), May (NIV), Should (KJV); is in the:

Active Voice: **the subject performs the action.**

I MUST DO IT!

Subjunctive Mood: **the action is contingent**

IT DEPENDS UPON ME!

→ WE HAVE THE OPTION to **WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**
IF WE WANT TO, and If WE WILL DO IT!

(5) For if we have become **UNITED with Him** in the likeness of His death, **CERTAINLY** we shall also be in the likeness of His **RESURRECTION**,

→ to **WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**

→ It is POSSIBLE !

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor.5:17 NKJV*

Step #1 KNOW THE TRUTH

(6) **KNOWING THIS**, that our **OLD SELF was crucified** with Him, in order that (for the purpose that) our **body of sin MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH**, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

This is TRUTH from the LORD and His WORD as opposed from the “*Tree of Knowledge*” – man’s perspective, through what he can see and touch and understand through his fig leaves.

KNOWING THAT:

→ **“our OLD SELF was crucified with Him”** This is THE TRUTH

- o aorist tense – happened at a point of time in the past.
 - When Jesus was crucified, you were crucified.

- passive voice – the subject: “our old self,” **received** the action of being crucified. I did nothing to obtain it. IT IS JUST FACT.

WHY?

in order that (for the purpose that)

→ our **body of sin** MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH

- “**MIGHT**” is in the Subjunctive Mood, it is **contingent** upon **ME** taking **ACTION!**

It is contingent upon **ME MAKING THIS TRUTH, THIS REALITY, REAL in my life.**

By His death and shed blood, Jesus has FORGIVEN my sin and therefore I am **FREE FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN** (Death) and I have Eternal Life. It is a FINISHED, ACCOMPLISHED FACT for every true believer, BY HIS GRACE.

But now, Romans Six is showing us how we can be **FREE** from the **POWER OF SIN** in our daily lives.

This is the part of our Salvation that “*we must work out*”
(Philippians 2:12)

THE FIRST STEP IS: KNOWING THIS TRUTH

(7) **for he who is dead is FREE from sin.**

This is Realty!

❖ **This** is my deliverance and **VICTORY** over the **POWER OF SIN !**

- Have you ever seen a dead man sin? You can kick him, You can hit him, throw rocks at him, curse him, whatever – **AND YOU WILL NOT GET A REACTION FROM HIM. HE IS DEAD TO SIN.**

(8) Now since we **died with Christ**, we believe that we shall also **live with Him**,

This is TRUTH / REALTY / ETERNAL TRUTH

(9) **KNOWING** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; **death no longer is master over Him**.

HIS Victory over the **POWER OF SIN & DEATH** is **MY DELIVERANCE** and **VICTORY** over the **POWER OF SIN & DEATH !** I have been **baptized, placed into HIM**. What happens to **HIM** happens to me.

o **YOU will Never Die. Death is no longer master over you.**

(10) For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for ALL**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Step #2: Make the REALTY REAL in Your Life !

(11) Even so **CONSIDER** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (consider –NLT; AMP) (count – NIV) (reckon – NKJ)

Consider – is in the Imperative mood – **a command!** The Greek word is an accounting word that means: to take an inventory of, **KNOW** the **TRUTH**, and come to the conclusion of the **FACTS**.

- The sum of all that has gone before.
- **KNOW / BELIEVE** the TRUTH that you can **rely on**, can **trust**.
- **WRITE IT DOWN / APPLY IT / STAND ON IT / TAKE ACTION / DO IT**
- **SETTLE IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.**
- It is the final word – **BELIEVE IT!**

Hebrews 11:1-2 Now **faith** is the assurance (or substance, or foundation) of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things **not seen**.

- The Conviction of what is **TRUE** from God's eternal perspective and not based on my perspective of what I see or understand today through fig leaves.

FAITH makes REALTY REAL in our life. It is TRUE whether I believe it or not. But, FAITH makes the facts, the Truth, **REAL** in my life.

(12) **THEREFORE - DO NOT let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,**

- **YOU** MUST TAKE THE ACTION. IT IS CONTINGENT UPON **YOU**
- Paul tells us:

(1) ***“put off your old self*** (Eph. 4:22) [**that was crucified with Him**]
Put off the old Dead Man! He stinks! And everything he does stinks!

(2) ***and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*** (4:24) and do not give the devil a foothold. (4:27)

“as Christ was raised from the dead . . . so we also should walk in newness of life.”

1 John 3:9 ***No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.***

- That which is “born of God” in me, the “new man,” cannot sin.

1 John 5:18 ***We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.***

- It is your choice. **YOU** MUST make the decision on what **YOU KNOW** to be true and **APPLY** it. **DO NOT LET SIN REIGN !**
- James 1:22 ***But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.***
- James 2:17 ***Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.***
- Matthew 7:24 **Therefore everyone who **hears** these words of Mine and **acts** on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

This is how we win the battle of Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.* NASU

(13a) and **do not** (imperative command) go on **PRESENTING** the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness;

- The LORD has done HIS PART, accomplished it for us.
- **We must do our part** and make THE TRUTH **REALTY** in our life.
- CONSIDER IT ! RECKON IT TRUE ! COUNT ON IT !
- Paul KNEW this Truth – Considered it / Reckoned it True in his life.

Galatians 2:20 ***I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.***

- Memorize Galatians 2:20
- Whenever you feel anger / defensive / unforgiving; **STOP** right there and quote Galatians 2:20 to yourself before any response.
"I am dead" HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A DEAD MAN SIN?
"Christ lives in me." HOW WOULD HE RESPOND?
- Here is how Jesus responded:

1 Peter 2:21-25 *For YOU have been **called for this purpose**, since Christ suffered for you, leaving you an **example for you to follow in His steps**, 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, **He did not revile in return**; while suffering, **He uttered no threats**, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, **so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness**; for by His wounds you were healed.* NASU

And while they were driving the nails into His hands, He was praying:
"Father, forgive them" Luke 23:34

Step #3:

(13b) But **PRESENT** (imperative) **yourselves to God** as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

- o Present – to bring before and give or surrender yourself to.
- o Two Choices: (1) Present (Give) Yourself to sin, to unrighteousness, or, (2) to the LORD JESUS CHRIST and righteousness.
- o Give yourself to JESUS. Once a gift is given, to take it back is stealing.

“You are not your own, for you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.” (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

- o Give yourself to The TRUTH (John 14:6).
- o *If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself**, and **TAKE UP HIS CROSS** and **follow Me**.* (Matthew 16:24)

THIS IS HOW YOU PRESENT YOURSELF TO THE LORD:

→ take up your cross and follow HIM

(14) For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

- o The law aggravates sin. Romans 7:4-11
- o The grace of God is the power of God (2 Cor.12:9) to not sin.
- o The amount of God’s Grace that you use or apply to resist sin and Obey the Lord is UP TO YOU (1 Cor. 15:10). Do not receive His Grace in vain.

(15) What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

(16) Do you not **know** that when you **present yourselves** to someone as slaves for obedience, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

- o This is what “presenting” means – if you truly give yourself to someone, you are theirs to do as they desire.

When the Galilean boy **presented** his bread, what did the Lord do with it? Only when it is broken and blessed can it meet the needs of many.

- Romans 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies** a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

(17) But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, **you became obedient from the heart** to that form of TEACHING to which you were committed,

- You are presenting yourself to obey The LORD.

(18) and **having been freed from sin**, you became slaves of righteousness.

(19) I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you **presented** your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, **SO NOW PRESENT** your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

(20) For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

(21) Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

(22) But **now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God**, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

(23) For the wages of sin is death, but **THE FREE GIFT OF GOD** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

KNOWING THE TRUTH

CONSIDER / RECKON IT SO IN YOUR LIFE. STAND ON IT.

PRESENT YOURSELF / GIVE YOURSELF TOTALLY TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*For the **love of Christ controls us**, having CONCLUDED THIS, that **one died for all**, therefore **all died**; and He died for all, SO THAT **they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him** who died and rose again on their behalf.*

2 Corinthians 5:14-15