

THE REAL YOU

Identity in Christ Recovered

Romans 6

I. THE GOSPEL – THE BAD NEWS

- There is none righteous in the sight of God – not the reprobate, the moralist, or the religious person. All are guilty and under the death sentence (*Romans 1:18-3:20*).

II. THE GOSPEL - THE GOOD NEWS PART 1

- You were saved by faith alone in Christ's shed blood on the cross of Calvary; your past, present, and future sins were fully paid for by Christ (*Rom. 3:21-5:11; 2 Cor.5:21*).

III. THE GOSPEL - THE GOOD NEWS PART 2

- You were delivered from the power of your sin nature by death at the same time as you entered Part 1.
- **Know This:** You have a glorious position before God who declares that you were crucified with Christ 2000 years ago, you were buried with Him, raised with Him, and seated with Him in Heaven (*Rom.6:4-6; Eph.2:6*).
- **Believe It:** In the same way that you received Christ by faith you are to believe that you are dead to your old sin nature and alive to God (*Rom.6:11*).
- **Present yourself to God:** Actively, daily, hand your new life over to God knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now owned by Him (*Rom.6:13*).

Application

- 1. Know and believe your true identity in Christ**
 - You were under the curse of the law (Gal.3:10)
 - Christ took your curse upon Himself (Gal.3:13)
 - He gave you blessing in place of your curse.

- 2. Hand yourself over to God as your owner.**
 - It is not consecrating your old nature – it is dead
 - It is taking an attitude in accordance with the facts
 - From now on consider your whole life as the Lord's.

- 3. Take up your cross daily** (Luke 9:23, 24)
 - Your cross is the cross of Calvary, the cross upon which Jesus was crucified, and where you were crucified with Him
 - Know it, believe it, and daily give yourself to Him.

- 4. Build into your morning routine a few moments to acknowledge to Him your true identity in Christ and ask Him to live His life in and through you today. Admit that you are completely unable in and of yourself to live the Christian life. Only He can do so and ask Him to do so.**

- 5. Consider reading daily the devotional on this subject by Miles Stanford "The Hungry Heart". This is a devotional quoting men of the past on the subject of your identity in Christ. Over time, meditating on these timeless truths of your identity will transform your mind. This book can either be purchased or read on line.**