

Title: Victory Over Sin - Part 1

Text: Romans 6:1-11

Take your Bibles, please, and turn to Romans chapter 6. We have been studying in these weeks together the principles of GOD'S RIGHTEOUSENESS.

(1B) And the first principle was that everyone is CONDEMNED. No matter if you are religious or non-religious. Everyone is CONDEMNED the Bible says. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.

(2B) Secondly, we looked at the principle of JUSTIFICATION. That all people are pronounced righteous through faith in Jesus Christ.

(3B) Now, coming out-off that is the principle of SANTIFICATION. Now, there is a nice religious term. *But it is a great term* SANTIFICATION MEANS: the act of God whereby the moment you become a christian until you go to heaven, God is going to make you different. In simple lanuage...GOD WANTS YOU TO BE DIFFERENT THAN THE WORLD. *I know that*

Now, dear friends, that difference isn't in the way you comb your hair, or how you dress, or the places you go or do not go, or the car you drive, or the home you live in. The difference is something that God is doing inside of you. A wonderful thing that will increase as you grow in maturity in the Lord.

SANTIFICATION *therefore* is a continuing process. But, it begins the moment you accept Christ as your saviour. The word simply means "TO SET APART." And God is setting you apart for himself and He is going to use you, hopefully.

Now, that is what we are going to be studying in the next few weeks. Those principles of how God will use us if we will let him. And let me tell you, friends, we are entering an exciting section in the book of Romans.

(1C) Now, today, and next Sunday, I want to look at the first 11 verses of Romans chapter 6. And I want to share with you the important matter of HAVEING VICTORY OVER SIN IN CHRIST JESUS. We all have sin in our life. We all commit sin. How can we get victory? Romans chapter 6 verses 1 thru 11 is for the believer. And I pray that God will bless your heart, and give to you an understanding as to why you should be THANKFUL --not only on THANKSGIVING, but every day of your life.

(Read Romans 6:1-11)

PRAYER

There are a number of key words in this ^{section} ~~passage~~ that are very important. These words will help you to understand the next three chapters.

First we have the word "sin". You will find the word sin used 17 times in Chapter 6. In fact that is what chapter 6 is all about. How to have victory over sin.

Then in chapter 7, ~~the~~ key word is the word "law". The word "law" appears 18 times.

And in chapter 8 the word is "spirit." "Holy Spirit" used 21 times. And I believe you will find the word "spirit" used only once in the other two chapters. Which gives us some idea how the Apostle Paul is progressing in thought. He talks a lot about sin. Then he is going to talk about law and its effect. Then he tells us about the Holy Spirit's ministry in us.

Another interesting thing that I found is that in chapter 6, the word "I" appears only once. One time. But in chapter 7 which deals with the frustrations of a believer whose trying to check his own sin nature and experiencing absolute defeat, the word "I" is used 47 times in its various forms. What a contrast.

So, this should give you some background as we look into these chapters.

(1C) Now, ~~today~~ ^{today}, we are going to look at ^{How to have to Have Victory over Sin:} ~~the realization of certain facts.~~ _{we not want}

That is all we are going to discuss, today, in these first 10 verses.

(1D) First of all, ~~we~~ ^I want to notice in Verses 1 and 2 ~~two~~ ^{the} ~~problems that~~ ^{two} ~~developed among believers.~~ ^{problems that} developed. It all flows out of what we have just studied on Justification.

Let me refresh your memory. I have taught you for a number of weeks, ~~not~~, that the moment you believe in Christ you are pronounced or declared righteous by faith alone. God doesn't make you righteous because you perform for him. It is not because you do a few good things for him and avoid some bad things. That is not God's way. God declares you righteous because you believe in Christ. And you cannot be any more righteous 20 years from now, then you are the moment you receive Christ.

~~Now, let's look at the next chapter, which is also very important. It~~
~~explains the importance of the Holy Spirit's ministry in us.~~

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Now, coming out-off that ~~doctrine~~ ^{teaching} which is absolutely important for everyone of us to understand so that we don't go around trying to score points with God or, anybody else. God takes us as we are with all of our sin and through faith in Christ pronounces us righteous.

Now, ~~out-off~~ out-off that comes two problems.

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Number one, is in Vs 1. This involves the purposes of God. Vs 1 says,

What shall we say than? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?"

By the way, the text indicates that it is going on among the believers. Continuing in sin, because why? Well, I was pronounced righteous. God has showered his love and grace on me. And according to chapter 5 verse 20, where sin abounds, grace abounded all the more. Which means that God's love is a lot bigger than your sin and mine....PRAISE THE LORD..

But ~~Paul~~ ^{Paul's} does that mean that we should go out and really live it up in sin in order that God can show us more grace?.....Isn't that ~~great~~ ^{The} idea?..

Paul's answer, Vs 2, "MAY IT NEVER BE!".....NOW WHY?.....

Because you see, ~~friends~~ ^{dear friends}, God's grace doesn't ~~abound~~ ^{increase} because I sin....
God's grace ~~abounds~~ ^{increases} inspite of my sin...And even if I never sinned, God's grace is still there. God's grace ~~isn't~~ ^{isn't} ~~completely~~ ^{doesn't get bigger} because I sin a lot...

~~But you~~ ^{But you} see, that is what happens to some people who think "Well, I am ~~perf~~ ^{saved} therefore it doesn't matter what I do. So, I go out and really sin. After all it only makes God, ^{more} ~~more~~ wonderful."

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Or, parading your past sins before people in order to exalt God's grace. I warn you of this. Every now and then someone stands up and gives a testimony, and begins telling us of all the wicked affull things they have done in ~~their~~ ^{their} life. Now, they do it sincerely, hoping to exalt Gods' grace. Oh,,,no...No, God's grace is already there. It doesn't ~~take~~ ^{take} my sin to exalt his grace. I am thankful that His grace is bigger than all the sins that I could ever commit. But it is there. It is wonderful. And it is a part of His nature....

Whether I sin once or a thousand times, God's grace is still as strong as it ever was. My sin doesn't change it ^{or control it}

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Now, the second problem that developed is involving the practice of a believer. *Paul* says in Vs 2 "How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" The "live" means "habit of life", not any individual sin. *It is Habit of Life*

So, if you are living by way of habit of life in sin. I mean you are really sinning, a lot. Paul says "How can you do that when you are dead to sin." And that introduces what he is now going to talk about. And that is.. the most amazing paradox, that even though you are living in sin, right now, God says that you don't have to...Because ...you... died... to sin

Now, if you *feel* ~~feel~~ very much alive... This is really going to be hard for you to understand.... But God said that you died..... And we need to understand this.... *FOLKS LET me illustrate*

Now, some people can get up in the morning and appear that this is going to be a wonderful day. Others get up in the morning and boy, it is not to great. They are grumpy... You know....

Have you got up in the morning ...the alarm clock goes off and you say.. "Oh, no...I don't want to get up." "I don't want to go to work"...I don't want to face the kids."....

So, you turn on a religious program to get a little help and the speaker comes on and says, "This is a wonderful day,..I got up this morning and it's a wonderful day to be alive." *Praise God!*

And you are listening to that and you are having a hard time getting awake.... And the speaker is saying that it is a fantastic day and its great to be saved. And you are ~~sitting~~ *listening* there wandering if you are saved because of the way you feel.....

You know, folks, we are all different. And the reason I ~~share~~ *share* you this illustration is because it is absolutely essential in understanding ~~this~~ *this* ~~your~~ *your* chapter. Now, those of you ~~who~~ *you* who are good believers in the Lord and you have had some maturity in your faith know that we are not saved on the bases of feelings. I feel sorrow for you if you ~~feel~~ *Believe* that way. If you ~~feel~~ *believe* that you must feel saved in order to be saved, I feel sorrow for you.

Because the Bible teaches that we are saved by believing the facts, *the good* And I am saved whether I am down or up....I am still saved..

You talk to me when I am down and I still believe the facts ^{the Gospel} And I am resting upon them. And I believe them. So, whether I am down or up, I am saved because I believe those facts.

Did you know that when folks come to Romans chapter 6 they sort of check off those brains. They really do.

"Well, we have got to feel saved. I couldn't possible be dead to sin... Look at all the sin I am doing in my life"....

Let me tell, as you listen to this message, what your problem will be? You will think to yourself. "Well, that is fine and dandy, but man I sin. And I know it."

"So, how in the world can it be true? Well, don't you see we use the same thing when we talk about trying to feel saved. I believe certain facts. That is why I am saved. And God is going to tell you, here, that there are certain facts that he wants you to believe. ^{That I am dead to sin} ^{do you know} ^{That} ^{About Harms Victory over sin in your life} ~~That will n't appear to be~~

3C ~~evident in your life because you are continuing in sin.~~ But He is going to tell you how to conquer ^{believing} the sin problem simply by ~~understanding~~ some facts.

ARE YOU READY?.....O.K. let's look at the principles.... There are three principles that ^{God} gives us. Each principle flows out-off the other. All telling us how to be delivered from the power of sin in our life.

Let me give them to you. They should be listed as 1^E...2^E...3^E...on your outline.

~~1^E~~ ^{1^E} is Baptism ^{2^E} ~~2^E~~ is crucifixion And ^{3^E} ~~3^E~~ is resurrection
Baptism.....crucifixion.....and resurrection.....

And please notice at verse 3....6....and 9...Paul wants us to know something. In Vs 3 Paul says "Or do you not know".....Literally, the Greek reads; "ARE YOU IGNORANT OF THIS"..
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Paul is amazed that people could be ignorant, of this.

In Vs 6, He says "Knowing this". And in Vs 9..."Knowing that".... In each case he wants us to know something....First is the principle of baptism. Secondly, is the principle of crucification....and third, is the principle of resurrection. Now, Lets Look at Them.

1E

(1E) First of all, Baptism .. According to the Bible, Baptism is a symbol. And this is very important *to remember. These are three things about this symbol that you should know*

(1E) In Vs 3 I want you to see the reality of this symbol. That is the first thing *we* want you to *understand* about the principle of baptism. The reality of the symbol. Vs 3 says "that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his what?".....SAY IT!.....Death.....What was that again.....DEATH!.....Say it one more time.....DEATH!!!!

Did you know that when you are standing in the waters of Baptism getting ready to be baptized, that the water does not represent life..... It represents death, That is important. And let me show you why.

Turn over to I Peter chapter 3. I Peter chapter 3....Here is the text that people use who believe that baptism will save you. That is, that if you are not baptized in water you cannot go to heaven.

That of course doesn't even make human logic because the water is the same water that comes out-off my tap in my house. And I drink it. And I wash in it. And all of that. There is no spiritual quality in the water. It is a non-moral item. It is a symbol.

But there are some statements in the Word of God which appear to teach that Baptism saves you.

Now, I want to look at one of them. Because it is important to understanding the principle of spiritual victory over sin. And you will see why in just a moment.

I Peter 3 beginning with Verse 20....(~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which"....

Now, what do you think the phrase "in which" refers to????? It refers to the Ark!!!! DON'T FORGET THAT!!!!

"the ark, in which a few, that is eight persons" namely Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives...."were ~~saved~~ ^{ATPs} "brought safely through"... *RS - saved*

Now, before you read the words "the water", remember that up to this point we learned that through the ark eight people were saved....

And then you read the phrase "through the water." Now, the eight people were saved because they were in the Ark, right? *Right!*

What happened to everything that was in the flood waters? What happened to the ~~fish~~ ^{Birds}, human beings, and animals? What happened?...They all died... So, the flood waters represented death...Death.

Now, watch this carefully...Vs 21 "And corresponding to that"... Corresponding to what?...The ark taking those eight people safely through the ~~flood~~ flood waters. "Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you..."

The Ark...represented salvation...Jesus is our salvation. So, you must be in the Ark, or in Jesus, if baptism is to have any meaning for you.

And then Paul adds the thought about baptism "not the removal of dirt from the flesh." In other words, you don't get rid of sin by being baptized.

* Well, what is baptism for? Vs 21 "an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

And that phrase corresponds to the phrase in Vs 20 "the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through." *Or saved*

So, if you are parallelingon the one ^{side} ~~said~~ you have baptism..and on the other side you have the flood waters.

On the one side you have Christ. And on the other side you have the Ark.

^{So} OK. Baptism represents Death. Just like the flood waters respended death.

WHY SHOULD PEOPLE BE BAPTIZED? Some people say because Christ commanded it.....And I think that is a good reason!.....

Others say that we should be baptized because it illustrates certain wonderful truths. And that it does. It is a tremendous illustration about death and resurrection. And that is great...

But why should I be baptized?....The only passage that teaches the individual reason for being baptized is I Peter 3:21. And that is that it is the ~~appeal of a good conscience~~ ^U appeal of a good conscience towards God.....The word "appaal" means "approval"..

Baptism is the approval, public, of one who has a good conscience towards God. One who truly believes in Christ, who truly has experienced forgiveness, ^{of sin} who now has clearly set before him his new life in Christ.

Then as the approval, the public testimony, before God and all witnesses, this ~~that~~ ^{person} has been declared free from sin....And Baptism is a symbol of all of that. *Oh, I hope you understand*

Now, come back to Romans chapter 6. Romans 6 verse 3 and 4 says that we have been baptized into his death; and we have been buried with him through baptism into death. The same idea. Death and burial, referring to the same thing. Dead and gone...finished...Dead.

Now, we have to believe that! *That is the issue*
2F ~~Now~~, the second thing that I want you to see about Baptism. Not only the reality of that symbol. Baptism representing death. ~~Everything died.~~
21 But, secondly, I want you to see the reason for this truth. Look at the last phrase of Vs 4...The reason for this truth about death. "So we too might walk in newness of life."

Old man dies....new man comes to life....And Paul says that you must know that you, when you were baptized into Christ, were baptized into death. WHY? So that you will walk in newness of life.

You say, "well, I don't understand!" *Ok.* ^{God} ~~is~~ is telling you is, that until death happens, life doesn't. *happens. seed*

Let me share with you what I mean. Turn to John chapter 12. The Gospel of John chapter 12...

You might feel pretty dead, right now as a believer. Kind of bearen, dry, not to functional or effective. God is going to tell you that you are alive. Maybe you are not enjoying it. And we are going to find out why.

John 12 verse 23 and 24 illustrates ^{the} principle that you have to die in order to live.(Read Vs 23-24)

Now, if you are a good farmer, you will understand this principle. If that ^{seed} ~~plant~~ does not die, it will never produce fruit. It has to die. If it doesn't, it sets in the ground and the birds come along and pick it out. It must die in order to bear ~~of~~ fruit.

And Jesus said that is the principle of ^{His} ~~his~~ own life. I have to die on the cross in order to be resurrected. And in order for you to have life you must die. Paul is saying the same thing as a believer.

He is saying that you were baptized into his death. You were buried with baptism into death...WHY? So that you will walk in the newness of life. Do you know why Christians can't walk continually in the newness of their life in the Lord? Why they can't know and experience that aliveness in Christ? WHY?....Because they still don't ^{Believe} know the principle of death. They are not believing it.

Just like the ^{person} man who is saved, yet, he ^{is} doesn't feel like it. He has forgot to believe the facts. The facts are that you are deader than a door nail and there is nothing you can do about it. ~~That is right....You are dead.~~

You say, "Hay, I don't like this. I am very much alive." You are dead. And you ought to believe it.

Now, some people have the idea, "Well, I am going to go out and crucify myself." That is the meaning of the message. You know, all this false humility. "I am dying daily, for Jesus.".....That is silly...The Bible doesn't say that. ^{The Bible says that} You are already dead. How can you go out and die if you are already dead? It doesn't make any sense at all. Yet, people do that. They are crucifying themselves every single day.

Martin Luther tried that and really got frustrated. Finally he just started believing....You see, you can't go out and crucify yourself. You are already dead.

And what is wrost is trying to resurrect a dead corpus. You know, some people love that dead corpus. You think about that for a mmment. A dead corpus. We love it. We really do. It is our best friend. It is dead.

^{3F} The third thing that I want you to know about bantism is that according to Vs 5 of Romans 6, if you will turn back there, we will realize our new life if we will understand that we were dead. Vs 5 "For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

Maaning "now" as a believers..I will experience Christ's resurrected life in me now. I will realize how the new life can function. How I can have a resurrected life, *Right Now. How I can have victory over sin, right now*

You see, just as christ arose from the dead, so the Bible teaches that when you become a believer, you receive new life. It has been implanted right in you. You have to ~~die~~ die, first, in order to have that new life. When you believe in Christ a death also happens. Your old ^(Sin Nature) man dies, but your new man is put in its place.

And Paul is saying in the principle of death that death will bring life. And if you have become united ~~with~~ with Jeus in the likeness of His death.....spiritual relationship.....spiritual symbol....Christ died.. I acturally die,spiritually, The old man. *The old sin nature*

Christ arose from the dead. I acturally receive a new life. [But, the funny thing is, if you don't believe these facts, ~~it doesn't work for you.~~ *You will never experience the result or have victory over sin*]
Isn't that something? If you don't believe this, it will not work for you.

But If you believe it, ~~it will~~ *you can have victory over sin.*

Now, you are setting there hearing this and you might be thinking:
"Now, wait a minute. Do I understand right, Pastor? I mean I am living in sin, now, and I know it. I know that sin is in my life and I would like to get rid of it. And you are telling me that I am dead to that sin?...I mean it is very much alive to me in my life. Now, how in the world can ~~you~~ you have victory over something that ~~you~~ you know is there ~~and~~ by just acting like it wasn't there?.....What is all of this?!!...
Do I have victory

Now, listen, carefully. If you will believe ~~this~~ *that you are dead to sin and sin has no power on you*, you will have victory. If you don't, you ~~won't~~ That is it. That is the amazing ~~the~~ truth about this passage. If you believe it, you will have victory. If you don't believe it, you willn't. *Quater Vs 11*

But whether you do or you don't. We all have had the facts happen to us.....That is the sad thing.

Some christians go through their whole life and these facts are true about them. They just don't ~~know~~ *want to believe it* it. Like the man who had a field. And he had oil in the ground. But he didn't ~~know~~ *believe it* it. A person comes along and buys his property and discoverys oil and becomes a millionarir. Well, the first person had it all along, he just didn't ~~know about the oil.~~ *believe*

Listen, we have all been crucified, if we are a believer. There is nothing you can do about it. It has already happened.

And we all have new life. It is a wonderful thing. But a lot of us don't enjoy it because we we don't believe it.

^{oh} Now, we believe we are saved. And that is the funny thing about it. It is a funny paradox. How somebody could believe they are savaed and going to heaven. And yet, not believe in the facts of Romans 6. That is very strange. ^{To me} But, you see, that is why ^{God} Paul wrote about it. Because he knew that you would think that way. And that is why it is important for us to understand. *Believe these facts and you will have victory over sin.*

~~Now, we believe that victory is ours. So we will continue our~~
~~struggle to have victory over sin next Sunday as we look at the~~
~~principle of crucifixion and the principle of resurrection.~~

Read vs 6

Let's close in prayer

And that dear friend is the greatest
reason to celebrate Thanksgiving that I

know of ————— Because New Life in
Christ is or ought on the
top of your list of
Thanksgivings —

Praise God for Victory over Sin