

## **Reigning With Life Part 5: Reigning Over Your Own Heart**

Romans 5:18-21

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of **One** the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of **One** shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might **abound**. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, **even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life** by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:17

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive **abundance** of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall **reign** in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

**Reign**— [Gr. basileuō], [bas-il-yoo'-o] to reign as a king or the governor of a province; of the rule of the Messiah; of the reign of Christians in the millennium

Romans 5:17 (NLT)

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who **receive** it, will **live in triumph** over sin and death (including COVID) through this one man, Jesus Christ.

We have looked at:

- Reigning over the flesh
- Refusing to be people of compromise
- Thinking and acting like Jesus
  - Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)  
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Rom 5:21 NLT So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to **death** (Gr. thanatos, darkness, hell), now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and **resulting in eternal life [zoe]** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The life that God Has:**

**Zoe- the absolute fulness of life, the way that God has it... 'on earth as it is in Heaven'.**

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jesus is our model.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **To reign like Him, we have to do what He did:**

John 5:19

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 5:30

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 8:28

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 14:10

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### **3 Important principles to follow:**

1. Jesus did not think like the world.
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Worldly thinking equals death.

John 8:31-32

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If** ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jude 1:20-21

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 **Keep** yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Keep -- g5083. tēreō --

(a watch);

to guard (from loss or injury, by keeping the eye upon; which is properly to **prevent escaping, as in to reign over your spirit or your garden (Heb 2:1)**);

Genesis 2:15-17

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And **the Lord God commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **thou shalt not eat of it**: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. *And that became the enemies focus to get Adam to fall from Glory.*

- Hebrews 12:14-15 (KJV Strong's) Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man **fail of the grace of God**; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.
- We must remember that we are powerless with grace and we only get grace by faith... James 2:17 (NCV) In the same way, faith by itself--that does nothing--is dead.

...Keep -- g5083. tēreō -- ...

...implies a fortress or full military lines of apparatus: i.e. to note (a prophecy; figuratively, to fulfil a command);

by implication: to detain (in custody **(How? With the Word; being a doer and not a hearer only)**); figuratively, to maintain); by extension, to withhold; to attend to carefully, take care of; to guard; metaph. to keep, one in the state in which he is (i.e. born-again and a new creature – old things passed away, **all things** become new); to observe; to reserve.

James 1:22-27 (ESV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to **keep oneself unstained from the world.**

Many times, this is hard because life gets messy and dirty. We get stained by the attacks of the enemy and self-inflicted wounds. Satan wants us to define ourselves based on the hurt and the pain. But, God is our shepherd and He restores our soul.

Psalms 23:3 (ESV)

He **restores** my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

shûb (shoob) – to return to the starting point or to restore unto original condition... before the sickness, before the divorce, before the abuse, before the neglect, etc... This is not psychology, this is the Good shepherd performing surgery.

John 11:21-26 (ESV)

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and

everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Lazarus’ situation was so bad that he was dead. Jesus said that it doesn’t matter as long as you believe. If you believe, Jesus will produce life from the death. But, we have to believe! It means that we reign over the death with the Word of God.

Romans 6:5-14 (ESV)

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his (*WHEN? When we all get to heaven?*). 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin (right now, we are free; and yet, Satan is continually trying to bring us back to bondage). 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin (hamartia/offense or that which produces death; if free from sin then free from it’s effects). 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him (when? John 14:23 (KJV Strong's) 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.). 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. \*\*\*\* 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 **So you also** must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. \*\*\*\* 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

1 John 5:18

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth** himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

- Proverbs 25:28

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

- a. Proverbs 25:28 (AMPC) 28 He who has no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down and without walls.
- b. Proverbs 25:28 (CJB) 28 Like a city breached, without walls, is a person [who lacks self-control] (or who doesn't reign over his own spirit).
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- c. Proverbs 25:28 (TPT) 28 If you live without restraint and are unable to control your temper, you're as helpless as a city with broken-down defenses, open to attack.
- d. [He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls] He who cannot bridle his passions and emotions is like a ruined city without walls.

Luke 19:11-27

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came,

saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.