

Reigning With Life Part 10: Conformity

Romans 5:12-21

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 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.**) 18 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.**

justification - Dikaiōsis (dik-ah'-yo-sis) - acquittal - a judgment that a person is not guilty of the crime with which the person has been charged. For example: "The trial resulted in an acquittal. His record is clear of all charges."

Reign— [Gr. basileuō], [bas-il-yoo'-o] to reign as a king or the governor.

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 through this one man, Jesus Christ.

God did not send Jesus to convert us, but to conform us.

Revelation 1:5-6 (Weymouth)

and from Jesus Christ, the truthful witness, **the first of the dead to be born to Life**, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins with His own blood, 6 and has formed us into a Kingdom, to be priests to God, His Father--to Him be ascribed the glory and the power until the Ages of the Ages. Amen.

Matthew 8:27

But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

Romans 8:29

For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did **predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- Prognosko -- to know beforehand; prognosis
E.g.
 - Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and **foreknowledge** of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
- **Predestinate** - Pro-or-izo -- foreordain.
 - It is God's plan that He has foreknown and predestined, not the individual conformity of free wills to the plan. He has called all people and all are free to accept or reject the call
 - John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, **that whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- 1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have **all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing **that any** should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. **And whosoever will**, let him take the water of life freely.
- **Conformed**, Gr. summorphos (soom-mor-fos') Only here. having the same form as another, similar, conformed to...
 - And in Php. 3:21 where the resurrected body will be made like His glorious body. This is what God has foreknown and predestined for all who conform to the gospel.
 - Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
 - Glorified bodies: Romans 8:18-19 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

John 5:17-31

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. 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. 20 **For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth:** and he will shew him greater works

than these, that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; **even so the Son** quickeneth whom he will. 22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. 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. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

John 14:8-14

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 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. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

2 Scriptures:

Colossians 3:10

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

There are certain things that will only take place in His presence.

metamorphoō; from 3326 and 3445; to transform (literally or figuratively, “metamorphose”): — change, transfigure, transform. (Moses & Elijah)

John 4:23-24 But the hour (hōra: season) cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

proskyneō - to fall prostrate and kiss -- intimacy; to kiss the hand to' as a dog licks his master's hand

Andrew Murray says, “Man was created for the presence of God.” Man's purpose is fellowship with the Father. This is a state of being, not a state of doing.

A life of worship begins with moments of worship when you fall before him, bow before him, and pour out of your alabaster box.

Luke 7:37-38

And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

John 12:2-3

There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. 3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.