

Reigning With Life Part 12: Regeneration

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. (Gr. *summorphos* (soom-mor-fos') (only Rom 8:29) — having the same form as another.

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.

Romans 7:22-25 (NLT) I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

So they that are after the senses are ruled by the senses because they are accustomed to obeying them. They that are after the spirit are accustomed to obeying the things of the spirit. The word "spirit" here means the spirit of the Recreated man. So let me read it like this: "For they that are after the senses are going to do the things that the senses suggest. But they that are after the Recreated spirit, are going to do the things of the Recreated spirit that has the Nature and Life of God in it."

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of

the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

There are many “if’s” in Scripture:

- Galatians 5:16-18 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
- Galatians 5:24-25 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Being spiritually dead or carnally minded is the same thing!
Satan’s goal is to keep believer’s from believing so that they are always in bondage wearing their grave clothes (Lazarus).

Romans 8:6-8

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

God has called us to navigate any difficulty without wavering.

Hebrews 10:23-24

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Every battle is won or lost right here:

Romans 8:5-7 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7

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Verse 6: "For the mind of the senses is under the dominion of spiritual death, but the mind of the Recreated spirit is under the dominion of Zoe, the Life of God, and that brings peace and rest and quietness." (Lit.) That seventh verse is suggestive: "Because the mind of the senses is enmity against God. It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be," whether it be the Law of the Ten Commandments or the Law of the New Covenant, which is **the law of the spirit of *life (zoe)***.

"For they that are living in the realm of the senses cannot please God." verse 9: "But ye are not governed by the senses but by the spirit (that is, your Recreated spirit), **if** so be that the Spirit of God (that is, the Holy Spirit), dwelleth in you.

But if any man bath not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." That doesn't mean the Holy Spirit. A better translation is, "If any man has not a Christ-like spirit (that is, a Recreated spirit), he is none of his."

If you do not have a re-born spirit, you do not belong to Christ. If your spirit is reborn (2Cor. 5:17-18), the body is dead to all sin, and the reborn/conformed spirit dominates your life as you live to all righteousness.

- Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If this is true, you can expect quickening for your mortal bodies by the Spirit that dwells in you (Rom. 8:11). This is the rapture.

- Romans 8:22-23 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we

ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Come back to Rom. 8:10, "And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin: but the spirit is life because of righteousness." Notice now, that after Christ is in you, the senses have **lost their dominion** over you, because when you are made a New Creation, **the senses cease to be your master**. The spiritual bondage is broken. Your spirit has received Eternal Life and has become the Righteousness of God. Sin now can no longer govern your senses **unless you allow them**.

Born-again:

- 1 Peter 1:23
23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
- Matthew 19:28
28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the **regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - **Paliggenesia (pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-ah) — new birth, reproduction, renewal, recreation, regeneration**
- 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.
 - **Proginosko** -- to know beforehand; prognosis
E.g.
 - **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

- **Conformed**, Gr. summorphos (soom-mor-fos') Only here. having the same form as another, similar, conformed to...

Titus 3:1-6

1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the **washing of regeneration**, and renewing (anakainōsis Rom 12:2) of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, dwelleth in you, (this is the Holy Spirit of whom He is speaking) he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead, shall give life (that word life is Zoe, the Nature of God) also to your mortal body through his Spirit that dwelleth in you." He has given to that person's spirit Eternal Life and made him a New Creation. Now the promise that Jesus made, "I came that ye might have life, and have it abundantly," is being realized.