

We began looking at this chapt and saw the question is posed “Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?” I think we can say God has utterly shattered this kind of lifestyle.

God has called us to Holiness and saved us for this purpose!

Saturday: Romans 6

The sum of this great Chapter:

(Vs 3) Salvation begins with a death with Christ to sin. This involves repentance. A change of mind about sin and ourselves.

(Vs 5) Salvations fruit is in a resurrected life. Free from sin’s claim on us.

(Vs 11) We live with a personal responsibility to chose righteousness over sin.

(Vs 22) We were saved to be God’s servants.

Sunday: Romans 6

“Pastoral Thoughts”

I am concerned today for the gospel’s sake, there is no doubt it is being changed and is not a saving gospel. Jesus warned us that many will know Him, yet He will not know them. (Matt 7:22-23)

The gospel is not about man or any of his “felt needs”, but about God resurrecting a new man in response to the death of the old man. Today’s salvation has being reduced to a “resurrection” without a death.

The law has been done away with as if they are able to “force” God to create a “new man” after their liking. And we see that “new man” in “Christianity” today.

Let us read this chapter today with a new understanding of what is salvation. It is a work of God creating in man a new creation!

Daily Devotions

Romans Week 2

Monday: Romans 5:1-21

Chapter 5 begins with “therefore.” Anytime you see that you know there is about to be a declaration based on what was just said.

(Vs 1-2) Paul has just shown that Justification had come before the law and apart from the law (works) It was of Faith! Vs 1-2 are this great truth.

(Vs 3-5) Is the story of a Christian’s life... it is God controlled. It brings us to Him

(Vs 12-14) The sin of Adam brought a universal death to all mankind

(Vs 15-21) With the exception of vs 20 each of these verses show Christ’s sufficiency over Adam’s transgression! Read them carefully and you see Adam’s fall and Christ’s sacrifice over and over.

Tuesday: Romans 6: 1-4

When looking at this chapter we need to understand that Paul is not writing of a “water baptism.” Paul is referring to: 1Cor 12:13. Baptism does not save a person, but salvation is a baptism into Christ! Over and over we read the term “in Christ.” Paul said “I am crucified with Christ” (Gal 2:20) To be saved is to be baptized into Christ. This chapt details the process and the result.

Setting (Vs 1-2) After the dealing with Justification one might ask “Can we sin as we wish now?” God’s answer is in Vs 2. For a person to ask this question reveals a misunderstanding of salvation.

Salvation begins with a death. (Vs 3) This is a death delivered by the law. It condemns a man and leaves him without hope.

Salvation is complete when we identify (by faith) with Christ on the cross. I see Him there and in a spiritual sense I was there. (My sin was, and I am sin) (Gal 2:20) I reckon myself with Him in death.

(Vs 4) When Christ died, I died, and when Christ arose, I arose.

Consider this; What about my sin? It was judged on the cross, I was judged on the cross with Christ! The result is **Sin no longer has dominion (claim) over me** (Vs 14)

Wednesday: Romans 6:5-13

To what purpose did God save us? When we look at the whole picture of scripture we see it was to release us from the power of sin to His glory. A grace that promotes a sinful lifestyle is not saving grace.

(Vs 5-10) There can be no resurrection in Christ's image until there is a death of ours. The Christian life is a result of a "new birth" after the death of the old one on the cross with Christ! (Vs 6-7)

To put this into a Bible word, it is "Repentance" It is a NOT stopping our sin, but changing our mind about our sin. God then creates a new man after His image!

(Vs 11-13) Just as Christ died and we "reckon" ourselves with Him in death. We are to also "reckon" (consider) alive with Him in our new life.

Notice in these verses the "human responsibility". Vs 11 "Reckon yourselves". Vs 12. "Let not sin reign." Vs 13. "Neither yield ye yourselves. Salvation set us free from the power and penalty of sin, but not its presence. We are given a choice!

The original premise of being saved to sin is being utterly shattered!

Thursday: Romans 6:14-

We are looking at salvation, its content and its purpose. We have concluded we were not saved to live in sin that we were saved from, but we have a choice....

(Vs 14-16) The great question is in Vs 16. Whom will you serve? If you yield to God, you will be His servant. If you yield to sin you will be the servant of sin.

(Vs 17) Before salvation you were the servant of sin, but we have obeyed from the heart (not the head) and repented and believed the gospel. Notice Paul speaks of "doctrine" Salvation is acceptance of a doctrine.

(Vs 18) Here is the end result of salvation. Remember salvation is God creating a new man after the death (repentance) of the old man. The old man rebels against this "servant hood" but the new man delights in it.

Let me ask you, 1. Are you saved? Not, have you prayed a prayer or have you been in church a long time. Have you identified with Christ on the cross and seen Him resurrect a new man? Salvation is not something we participate in; it is witnessed in our life and then is a powerful witness to others. 2. Have you yielded yourself to sin or righteousness?

Friday: Romans 6:19-23

(Vs 19) Here Paul speaks to us in relation to our flesh, our sinful state. He begs us to submit to righteousness unto holiness.

(Vs 20-21) Before we were born of God's Spirit we were in sin and free from righteousness. He asks the rhetorical question. "What fruit did you get from those things?" Ask yourself this question and it is so true. Satan promises much and delivers nothing but heartache then eternal death.

(Vs 22-23) Here is the difference salvation makes (Vs 22) What a blessing it is to be "born of God."

