

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) We are saved by grace.
 - i) There is absolutely nothing that we do in order to earn salvation.
- b) Because salvation is a gift and roots not in the merit of man but in the mercy of God, not in the goodness of man but in the grace of God, does that mean therefore that it doesn't make any difference how we live?
 - i) The Apostle Paul says, "God forbid!"
 - (1) Romans 6:1-2
 - ii) Any Christian saved by grace who continues to live a life of sin is a disgrace to grace.
- c) After we're saved by the grace of God, we need to learn to live in victory.
- d) The grace of God is an inducement to live a godly life, and it also supplies the power to live a godly life.
- e) Today's message will deal with victory:
 - i) Constant victory
 - ii) Conscious victory
 - iii) Conspicuous victory
- f) And there are three basic words in our Scripture today that will help us learn how to walk in victory.
 - i) Romans 6:6
 - (1) "Knowing"
 - ii) Romans 6:11
 - (1) "Reckon"
 - iii) Romans 6:13
 - (1) "Yield"
- g) As grace abounds, righteousness will also abound.
 - i) That imputed righteousness will become imparted and practical righteousness in our lives, and we will live day by day, week by week, and year by year in victory.

2) KNOW: OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US
(ROMANS 6:6-7)

- a) "Identification" means that we are in Jesus.
 - i) He has acted on our behalf.
 - ii) He is our representative.
 - iii) What happened to the Lord Jesus happened to us.
 - iv) He chose to be one with us.
- b) When Jesus came to this Earth and suffered, bled and died, we suffered, bled and died with Him because He died for us.
- c) Romans 6:6-7
 - i) When Jesus died, He died for us as our substitute.
- d) When Jesus died for us, we died with Him.
 - i) Galatians 2:20
 - ii) Romans 6:7

- iii) Sin has been our taskmaster.
 - (1) It has been our dictator.
- iv) We have a penalty that has to be paid.
 - (1) Our old master has been Satan, the flesh, and the world.
 - (a) But when we die, he's not our master anymore.
 - (2) Our sins have brought us into jeopardy; but in Jesus, we died.
 - (a) We are crucified with Christ.
- e) We were buried with Jesus.
 - i) Romans 6:3-4
 - ii) When Jesus was buried, we were buried with Him.
 - iii) The burial of Jesus is part of the Gospel.
 - (1) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - iv) Jesus carried our sins to the grave of God's forgetfulness.
 - (1) Satan would love to intimidate us with the bones of our old life.
 - (2) But our sins are in the grave of God's forgetfulness.
 - (a) Our old life is dead, and Satan doesn't have any more power over us.
- f) We have been raised with Jesus.
 - i) Romans 6:4
 - ii) Jesus had a life that the grave could not keep.
 - (1) While He carried our sins to the grave and left them there, Jesus came out of that grave, living, risen and victorious.
 - iii) When Jesus rose for us, we rose with Him.
 - iv) Galatians 2:20
 - v) Christians are not just nice people; we are new creatures.
 - (1) We have the same power in us that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
 - (2) We have come out of the grave of the old life.
 - (a) Our old master has no more hold over us.
 - (b) The old debt has no more penalty that we have to pay.
 - (c) Our sins are buried in the grave of God's forgetfulness.
 - (d) When Jesus came out of that grave, we came out with Him and have been raised to walk in a new life.
- g) The doctrine of identification is that Jesus Christ gave Himself for us.
 - i) His death had our name on it.
 - ii) His burial had our name on it.
 - iii) His resurrection had our name on it.
- h) Why do we baptize by immersion?
 - i) Romans 6:4-5
 - ii) Baptism teaches and symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
 - (1) When we give our heart to Jesus, we are then buried with Him by baptism.
 - (2) This is why sprinkling is not baptism.

- (a) A person cannot be buried with a few drops of water any more than he can be buried with a few grains of sand.
 - i) The one message the devil would like to take out of the church, is the Gospel: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- 3) RECKON: OUR APPROPRIATION OF JESUS WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR US (ROMANS 6:11)
 - a) We have to know our identification before we can make that appropriation.
 - b) Romans 6:11
 - i) The word “reckon” here is a bookkeeping term, which literally means that we can count on it.
 - (1) Not because we feel it, guess about it, desire it or imagine it; we reckon on it because it is true.
 - (2) It means “count on it” or “calculate upon it.”
 - c) Reckoning is not just closing your eyes and pretending it to be true.
 - i) It is acting by faith; acting on what you know to be true.
 - ii) It is appropriating what you know to be true.
 - d) Many of us want to know whether or not we “feel” victorious.
 - i) Feelings are the shallowest part of our nature; salvation is the deepest work of God. God doesn’t do the deepest work in the shallowest part.
 - ii) Again, “reckon” is a bookkeeping term, and feelings don’t matter.
 - e) We need to get our salvation out of the realm of fickle emotions and begin to reckon and to count on God’s facts.
 - i) For the Christian, the fact of the matter is that we have been dead for more than two thousand years; it is time we wake up.
 - (1) Romans 6:6
 - (a) “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him.”
 - (i) In the Greek language, this is in the aorist tense, which means that it is done, it is once for all and never to be repeated.
 - (ii) It happened, it is a fact, and it is finished.
 - ii) In Romans 6:11, the word “reckon” is in the present tense.
 - (1) This means that day by day, we can count on what happened more than 2,000 years ago.
 - (2) Jesus not only gave Himself for us, but He has given Himself to us.
 - (3) The life we now live, we live by faith in the Son of God.
 - (4) We must count on the life of Christ in us daily.

- 4) RECAP OF THE FIRST TWO POINTS
 - a) The third point is where the rubber meets the road and is also where most Christians fail.
 - b) Most Christians get two-thirds of the way there, and we never live in victory.
 - c) Knowing deals with our identification with Christ who gave Himself for us.
 - d) Reckon deals with our appropriation of Christ who gave Himself to us.
 - i) He gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us.

- ii) We are alive in Him and He in us.
- 5) YIELD: OUR EMANCIPATION THROUGH CHRIST WHO LIVES HIS LIFE IN US (ROMANS 6:12-22)
- a) He gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us that He might live His life through us.
 - b) If we have been crucified with Christ and buried with Him, then why does the old man keep coming back up?
 - i) It is because we've not learned to yield and be emancipated.
 - ii) When we yield, our imputed righteousness becomes imparted righteousness.
 - iii) The victorious life is God's work.
 - (1) We cannot do it without Him, and He will not do it without us.
 - (2) We need to learn to cooperate with God, and we do this by yielding.
 - c) How do we yield?
 - i) There is the dethronement of sin.
 - (1) Romans 6:12
 - (a) "Let not" means that we don't have to because there is a way for us.
 - (2) Sin cannot reign because when we died, our old master, Satan, has lost all control over us.
 - (a) We have to dethrone sin.
 - (b) We must choose against our old master.
 - (3) You do not have to let Satan have his way in your life.
 - (a) Before Calvary and our identification with the Lord Jesus and before our appropriation of the Lord Jesus, there was no possible way that we could live the victorious life even if we wanted to.
 - (4) Now, we don't have to let sin rule in our body.
 - (a) We have within us all that it takes, but we have to use our power of authority.
 - (i) We have to know it.
 - (ii) We have to reckon it.
 - (iii) We have to yield to it.
 - (b) Satan will come into your life and refuse to leave.
 - (c) We need to take the Word of God and tell the devil that we don't have to let him rule our life and that he's not going to stay and ruin our life.
 - ii) There is the enthronement of the Savior.
 - (1) Romans 6:13
 - (2) It's not enough just to tell Satan to be gone.
 - (a) Not only do we dethrone sin, but we must enthrone the Savior.
 - (b) We must tell the Lord Jesus that we put Him on the throne of our life.
 - (3) Romans 12:1

- (a) The word “present” in this verse and the word “yield” in Romans 6 are the same word.
- (b) We need to come to the Lord and say, “Lord, here I am. I present myself to You.”
- iii) There is the enslavement of the saint.
 - (1) Romans 6:17-18
 - (a) “Servant of sin” here means “bondslave of sin.”
 - (2) We become Jesus’ slave.
 - (a) We will either be a slave of Jesus or a slave of Satan.
 - (b) Everyone is a slave to something.
 - (c) Everyone is either in Adam or in Christ.
 - (d) When we yield ourselves to Jesus, we then become His bondslave.
 - (i) The Lord Jesus has a right to tell us what to do and a right to all of our possessions.
 - (3) Paul called himself a bondslave of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (a) Romans 1:1
 - (b) It is this enslavement that brings perfect liberty.
 - (4) What do we get when we enslave ourselves to the Lord Jesus?
 - (a) We get a new freedom.
 - (i) Romans 6:18
 - (ii) Sin doesn’t have dominion over us.
 - (b) We get a new faithfulness.
 - (i) Romans 6:19
 - (c) We have a new fruitfulness.
 - (i) Romans 6:21-22
- 6) CONCLUSION
 - a) There is something to know, there is something to reckon, and then we must yield to what we know.
 - i) We must dethrone sin.
 - ii) We must enthrone the Lord Jesus and yield ourselves to Him.
 - b) When we do this, God will begin to live His life in us in ways that we’ve never dreamed of.
 - i) It will be supernatural.
 - c) Have you yielded to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?
 - d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16