ROMANS CHAPTER 6 – 8

RIGHTEOUSNESS — SANCTIFICATION

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Righteousness means living in right relationship with God, other people, and all creation. We act with righteousness when we live justly, honestly, and faithfully according to God's instruction.

Sanctification means to be set apart for special use or purpose as a holy vessel for God’s purpose.

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- Sin is mentioned 38 times. Chapter 6 = 17, Chapter 7 = 16 & Chapter 8 = 5
- Conjunctions like so & but used to connect two independent clauses.
- Therefore, used to mean for this reason.
- Paul uses questions the readers may have had to clarify subject matter. Below are examples:

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except [e]through the Law; for I would not have known about [f]coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT [g]COVET."

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- Verses 1-4: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ. Paul refutes the notion of living in sin to let grace abound, asserting that believers, having been baptized into Christ's death, so we should walk in the newness of life, just as Christ was raised from the dead.
- Verses 5-10: United with Christ in His Death and Resurrection. Paul discusses the unity with Christ in his death and resurrection. Our old self was crucified with Christ to destroy the power of sin, so anyone who has died has been freed from sin.
- Verses 11-14: Sin Should Not Reign. Believers are to regard themselves as dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Not to let sin rule in mortal bodies or to submit to its desires, instead, yield to God as instruments of righteousness.
- Verses 15-23: Slaves to Righteousness. Paul poses the question, "Should we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?" He refutes this, explaining that we are slaves to the one we obey—either sin leading to death or obedience leading to righteousness. Although they were once slaves to sin, they have become obedient from the heart to the teachings they have received.

22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

Romans 6 is a critical chapter where Paul explores the believer's relationship with sin and the transformative power of God's grace. He details the significant implications of the death and resurrection of Christ, advocating for a life lived in righteousness and service to God.

ROMANS CHAPTER 7

- Verses 1-6: Released from the Law by Death. Paul uses the analogy of marriage to explain that believers are released from the law through death—specifically, the death of Christ. As such, they are free to belong to Christ, who was raised from the dead, and bear fruit to God.
- Verses 7-12: The Law and Sin. Paul states strongly that the law is not sinful but reveals sin. He gives an example with the commandment "Do not covet," which arouses sinful desires. The law is holy and good, but sin seizes the opportunity through commandments to produce all kinds of covetous desires.
- Verses 13-25: The Inner Conflict. Paul describes the struggle with sin within him—a war between his inner being that delights in God's law and another law at work in his body that makes him a prisoner to the law of sin. He ends this chapter with a cry for deliverance and a word of thanks to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

Romans 7 is a profound exposition of the struggle with sin and the role of the law in amplifying the sinful nature. Here, Paul delves into the intricacies of human nature, explaining how the law, while good, reveals our sinful tendencies, thus underscoring our desperate need for deliverance through Christ.

ROMANS CHAPTER 8

- Verses 1-4: Paul reassures believers that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ sets us free from the law of sin and death. Believers are to walk by spirit not the flesh
- Verses 5-11: Living According to the Spirit. Paul explains the dichotomy between living according to the flesh and the Spirit. He emphasizes that those controlled by the Spirit have life and peace with God, while those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.
- Verses 12-17: Heirs with Christ. Paul states we have no obligation now to live by the flesh. He encourages believers, saying that if by the Spirit we put to death the misdeeds of the body, we will live. We are God's children and co-heirs with Christ.
- Verses 18-25: Present Suffering and Future Glory. Paul comforts believers by stating that present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
- Verses 26-27: The Spirit's Intercession. Paul explains that the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

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- Verses 28-30: God's Purpose for Believers. Paul assures believers that in all things God works for the good of those who love him for His purpose. Purpose is to conform believer to the image/likeness of His Son (Christ).
- Verses 31-39: God's Everlasting Love. Paul concludes with a powerful message of God's unending love. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8 is a powerful narrative of hope and reassurance for Christians. The chapter emphasizes the transformative power of the Spirit, our freedom from condemnation through Christ, and the future glory that awaits believers. It closes with a triumphant declaration of God's unending love.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.