

# *The Epistle of Paul to the* **ROMANS**

*"The Constitution of the Christian Faith"*

\*\* A study in Doctrine\*\*

\*\* A study in Practice\*\*

**Background :** This letter , inspired by the Holy Spirit, was written by the Apostle Paul to the "saints" at Rome around 56-58 A.D. , while Paul was in Corinth on his 3rd missionary journey.

**Purpose:** This letter is written to instruct believers in 3 general area's:

1. The fundamental doctrines of salvation to strengthen against false doctrine.
2. God's faithfulness in His relationship and dealings with Israel.
3. Practical Christian living in relation to society and government.

**About Paul :** Background : Philippians 3:4-6 (a Pharisee)

Salvation experience - Acts 9:1-22 (Saul=Paul)

Ministry training - Acts 22:1-4 ; 2 Corinthians 12:1-8 ; Galatians 1:15-19

Qualification for apostleship - called by Christ - Acts 9:3-6

## **Chapter Six : Sin is No Longer the Master.**

*To those who are born again (6:14)*

### **I. Know This:** Col 3:1-11

- v3 A. We are baptized (immersed) into the body of Christ , and therefore immersed into His death. 1 Cor 12:13
- v4 B. Since we are immersed into His death, then we can also experience the power of His resurrection. Eph 1:15-23; Phil 3:7-14
  - 1. This power gives the believer the ability to walk in newness of life.
- v9 2. This power has victory over death and sin.
- v7 C. One who is dead is free from sin. It is the body (flesh) who's members are instruments of sin. A dead person's body can not commit acts of sin.
- D. Justification is the *act* whereby God declares the believer "Not Guilty". Separated from the **power** of sin.
- E. Sanctification is the *process* of work in the believer's life whereby he is "set apart" to be holy, separated from the **practice** of sin.
- F. Glorification is the ultimate goal where, in heaven, the believer will be separated from the **presence** of sin.

### **II. Reckon This:** Rom 6:11

- A. Reckon (**logizomai** - to calculate or consider) ourselves "dead" to sin.  
No response to temptation. James 1:12-27; Gal 2:20, 5:24, 6:14
- B. Obedience; whether to temptation or to righteousness is a decision of the will.  
Dan 1:8 *"But Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."*
- C. Reckon (consider) ourselves "alive" to righteousness.
- D. What are some things we consider (trust) to be so?
  - \* The sun will shine again tomorrow.
  - \* The next breath of air will keep me alive for another few minutes.
  - \* If I put my hand in the fire, it will get burned.
- E. We make decisions about everything based on the benefit of our action.
  - \* When I'm hungry, I want to eat and I do so. When I'm fasting, and experience hunger, I say no to food.

\* When I am spoken to, I decide how I will respond .

\* When temptation to sin presents itself, I decide how I will respond.

F. What is sin?

1. Sin is the transgression of the law of righteousness.
2. Sin is whatever offends the righteousness and holiness of God.
3. We know what offends God by the knowledge of the Word of God.

### III. Yield This: Rom 6:12,13

- A. Stop letting sin have power over our life. We have the power of the Holy Spirit to do this if we so desire.
- B. Yield (present) your members as instruments (weapons) of righteousness, to be used of God in the work of His kingdom.
- C. Do not yield (present) your members as instruments (weapons) of unrighteousness to sin and the evil one to be used in the work of his kingdom.
- D. A person is the servant (slave) of whatever he submits to.
  1. Am I a servant of sin ? (sin is a tyrant of a master, which does not care about me at all, but only what I can be used for. Satan **robs** life from me).
  2. Am I a servant of Jesus Christ through righteousness ? ( Jesus is a loving master who has proved that He loves me by giving *His* life as a ransom for mine. Jesus **gives** life to me).

*John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

*John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

### IV. The Results of Knowing, Reckoning, and Yielding: Rom 6:14-23

- A. We understand that death is the payment due to God for our sin.  
"The wages of sin is death."
- B. We accept the fact that Jesus paid our sin debt in full.  
"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- C. Sin has no more power over me .
- D. We experience freedom from the bondage to temptation and sin.
- E. We experience freedom from the requirements of the law.
- F. We experience peace *with* God as well as the peace *of* God.
- G. We experience the fruit of righteousness, which is holiness, which leads to eternal life.