

*Rom5:19 for as* (exactly like) *by* (by means of) *one man's disobedience* (hearing amiss-with the idea of active disobedience) *many were made* (to cause to be) *sinner*s (erring from the mark or way)

When Adam ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil-his body became flesh and blood, and his spirit and soul experienced separation from the life of God.

We are born into this world in sin; we inherit the nature of Adam. Our spirit, soul and body are separated from the life of God. The first Adam was made a living soul; his soul was created in a state of innocence, until he experienced death in his soul by disobeying the voice of God.

*So* (in this manner-also) *by the obedience of one shall many be made* (to cause to be) *righteous* (the impartation of His Spirit, to live by His standard through His faith)

The second man (Jesus Christ) was made a life giving spirit; the words that he spoke were spirit and life. The nature of His spirit was God, and his soul was in submission to the life of the Father in His spirit. In his soul he experienced temptation being led into it by the Spirit, so that he could relate to what we go through. He never yielded to temptation and could make the spirit of temptation leave by speaking to it.

*Moreover the law entered* (1-alongside 2- to enter-an outward law), *that the offense* (wrong doing) *might abound* (overflow).

The law was given to Gods people, those who were following him out of Egypt. The reason the law was given, was to reveal to us the principle of sin and our powerlessness to overcome it in ourselves. The

revelation of sin caused sin to become exceedingly sinful, so that we would no longer trust in ourselves but look for a Savior.

*But where sin* (habit of sin) *abounded* (specific point past, to cause, more, to overflow), *grace* (God's Spirit reaching out to help) *did much more abound* (specific point past, much more in a comparative sense, fullness-overflowing)

This is talking about a person whose spirit has been born again, who is struggling with sin. It is not written to those, whose spirit is dead and have no desire to be under the Lordship of Jesus. It is written to the believer who is overtaken in sin, the divine influence of the Spirit is there, providing the way out-(into himself) – to set us free.

*That* (to the end that, so that, for the purpose of) *as* (exactly like) *sin* (a governing principle or power personified) *hath reigned* (to rule as king) *unto* (intimate union with) *death*,

Just as sin had lordship over our spirit, where our soul submitted to the principle of sin in our flesh, our soul becomes enslaved to sin- we were sold to sin-captivity- we had no power to overcome in our selves.

Sin is a power greater than us; it is rooted in the self life. Those, whom the Spirit of God has not revealed himself to, live an independent life from him. They have no understanding of sin, it is a mystery.

Once God enlightens us through the revelation of sin, he convicts us of an area of our lives (soul) that is not in submission to him. Sin is not doing the good we should. Sin is any wrongdoing. Sin is whatever is not of faith. If we try to stop doing something the Spirit of God convicts us not to do and we find that we can't, then it is no longer I that do it but sin that dwells in me-*Rom 7:20*. Sin is living in independence from

God, in which other spirits have gained access to our soul, which are stronger than us.

There is pleasure in sin for a season, while we are under the deception of the spirit of this world. As the deception is lifted from us there is no more pleasure in sin, but emptiness or some other form of pain. The pain then increases to the point that we begin to look for a power other than self, to set us free. Sin rules over us and we experience union with a spirit-that is separated from the life of God's Spirit-the spirit of death.

*Even* (likewise-increase) *so* (in this manner) *might grace* (from the word rejoice-that which causes joy, pleasure, gratification, favor, acceptance). (It is the provision of the Spirit granted. It is the flow of the Spirit illuminating and strengthening our inner man) *reign* (reign as king) *through righteousness* (the essence of that which is right-God's Spirit) *unto* (motion into) *eternal life* (the life of God's Spirit-The kingdom-the rule of God's Spirit over us) *by Jesus Christ our Lord*.

Just as sin (the evil spirit-demon) ruled in our life, so will the Spirit of Jesus rule in our Life.

Our salvation is two-fold, a dying out in our soul to the sensitivity of the flesh no longer giving the evil spirit access where the thoughts and feelings it produced are reduced to inactivate and increasing in the nature and abilities of God's Spirit in us.

*What shall we say* (declare) *then? Shall we continue* (future tense, living continually in, remain in) *in sin* (inward principle producing acts), *that grace* (divine influence) *may abound* (Overflow)? *God forbid* (certainly not).

Once we are set free by being delivered out of the realm of addition-sin, if we go back to it, we will be worse off.

*How shall we, that* (anyone) *are dead* (action that happens at a specific point in the past, to die off) *to sin, live* (to spend our life in) *any longer therein?* (Under the power of)

We die to sin the moment that God reveals to us that we were crucified with Christ on the Cross, in a positional aspect the moment he suffered in has flesh when our sin was transferred to His body.

*Know ye not* (occurring now, not-recognize), *that so many of us that were baptized* (specific point past, submerged) *into* (motion into) *Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

Our initial obedience to the gospel of the Kingdom is to be baptized in water. No one in the early church prayed the sinners prayer-to receive Jesus as lord, but were commanded to be baptized in water.

*Acts 2:38 repent* (Allow the Spirit of God to influence our mind in order to die to self) *and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission* (the force and power of sin sent away) *of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

By this act of faith they were entering into a covenant of life and death publically with Jesus Christ. They were willing to forsake all to follow Jesus Christ, and when they came out of the water the Spirit of God would come upon them so powerfully, they were lifted out of the realm of temptation, into an awareness of the presence of God.

*Therefore we are buried*(action that happens at a specific point in the past, bury-with) *with him by*(through) *baptism*(indicates the result)

*into death; that like as*(just as, exactly like) *Christ was raise up from*(out of) *the dead by the glory*(inner glory outwardly manifested) *of the Father, even so we also should walk*(whole of activities) *in newness* (entirely new life essence, an essential inward life, a qualitatively different experience, the new life of the quickened spirit of the believer)*of life*

Baptism is our initial obedience to the gospel of the Kingdom; God imparts his eternal life to our spirit. This is our response to the revelation that we are crucified with Christ when he died on the cross, our flesh and all the sin it produces died at that moment in God's eyes. This is a fact in the spirit although we might not see it in our experience because we have not yet learned the laws of how our spirit functions so that we are empowered to deliver the desires of the flesh into a place where its thoughts and feelings are reduced to inactivity.

The new birth of our spirit happens when we say an unconditional yes to the will of God, God commands light to shine in our heart, it is called being once for all enlightened, it is a spiritual experience that happens when we are willing to forsake all to follow Jesus Christ and is followed by a willingness to be baptized in water if physically able.

We are buried with him into death. **1pet4:2 that he no longer** (no more-further) **should live** (to pass one's live) **the rest** (upon-remaining) **of his time** (the passing of moments) **in the flesh** (in the fallen body) **to the lusts** (longings) **of men, but to the will** (results he determines, what God himself does of his own good pleasure) **of God.**

Exactly like Jesus was raised out of death by the glory of the Father, we are to live by the glory of the Father.

When we receive Jesus as our lord, we are making a decision to no longer live in independence from him deciding for ourselves how we

are going to think, talk, act and what we are going to do. But we are going to not lean unto our own understanding and to begin to acknowledge him in everything we do.

We are not called to walk on the human level, but to walk on the spirit level.

We are to walk in newness of life-to walk in the spirit. To walk in the spirit, we have to learn how to be filled with the Spirit, so that the life flow of the Spirit which raised Jesus out of the realm of death, will raise us out of the realm of self, into an awareness of God where he is moving in us to desire and to do of his good pleasure.

*For if we have been* (the word is in the perfect tense describing a process that took place in the past, the results of which have continued to the present) *planted together* (the word comes from a word that means 1-together 2-to spring up, to bring forth together, to let spring up or grow together). (The word means planted together, united with, it is oneness with Christ in the likeness of his death. A similarity of experience)

Jesus was tempted in all points, yet without sin. We die to sin and temptation through the process of partaking of His death. We die to sin through him, not of ourselves.

As we work out our salvation we go through a process called being planted together. There are areas of our soul-life that are not dead to God experientially.

As the Spirit of God reveals an area of our life (soul) that is not in submission to His Lordship, we go through a process of death and resurrection. We go through a time of suffering in the flesh, until our soul is renewed in that area. We have thoughts and feelings in the

soulful realm that will lessen in their intensity until they are rendered inactive. We can only go through this process as our spirit is active and built up where we have his strength to not touch the unclean thing.

As our soul is being transformed through death and resurrection, we must learn how to keep our spirit in active communion with God to give us the keeping power not to yield to the thoughts and feelings in the soulful realm.

Through the will we have control over our newborn spirit, but not our soul-our soul goes through a process of death and resurrection. We must offer our body as a living sacrifice, and then not yield to the unrenewed soul in the process of death and resurrection. We can only do this through our spirit being in contact with God's Spirit during the transformation process.

*In the likeness* (resemblance) *of his death, we shall be* (1-will be 2-transition) *also in the likeness of his resurrection* (a standing up again, recovery) (in the Greek this verse reads-the resemblance his death, I shall be opposite also resurrection)

Our death is similar to Jesus', but the soul goes through a change of life form, what once attracted us now repels us, it is a transformation-we become the exact opposite in our thoughts and feelings-a mind set. We become spiritually minded-God is living not only in our spirit but also our soul because it is totally yielded to the spirit so that our soul is trained to discern God's thoughts and contrary thoughts-our soul begins to thirst after God.

Jesus' soul (life) was offered as a sin offering. it was in the garden of Gethsemane that Jesus said- *math 26:38 my soul is exceeding sorrowful* (surrounded with grief), *even unto* (continuance of action until) *death; tarry* (command to be done that moment, not continuous

or repetitive action but once and for all, to stand firm or steadfast, to abide, remain) **ye here and watch** (command continuous, spiritual alertness for warfare, alert or vigilant in order to defend against a spiritual foe) **with me. 41-watch**(command continuous, to be spiritually awake) **and pray ,that ye enter**(to come into) **not**(full negative-not God's will for us to be tempted) **into**(motion into) **temptation**(a state of trial) ; **the spirit indeed** (affirmative, truly)**is willing**(ready, predisposed) **but the flesh is weak**(without strength, powerlessness, impotent)

It was in the garden where Jesus experienced, in the soulish realm, the death and resurrection of His soul-the renewing of his mind. The Holy Spirit revealed to him what he was to face, so that he might appropriate the strength to do it. **Luke 22: 43 and there appeared an angel from heaven strengthening** (to cause to be strong, to fill with spiritual energy) **him. And being in agony** (combat, the fear which makes one tremble in the face of the issue) **he prayed more earnestly** (more intensely); **and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.** The battle in the garden was so intense that the disciples fell to sleep, Jesus overcame the battle in his mind in the garden preparing him to go to the cross, he came out of the battle so full of the power of God that the soldiers that came to arrest him fell to the ground at the sound of His voice.

**Knowing** (being mindful of, to know experientially) **this, that** (to the end that) **our old** (what we formerly were, unregenerate spirit-a spirit in separation from God, the life lived independent of God) **man is crucified** (specific point in past- never repeated, to crucify together with) **with him,**

It is a co-crucifixion, a fact in God's eyes that we died to sin in the flesh the moment Jesus died in the flesh

When our spirit was born again, it became regenerated, being sealed with the Holy Spirit. But our soul is still corruptible-subject to change. Our spirit man-who we were before, a spirit dead in trespasses and sins was crucified with Christ, the spirit of our mind is new-divine, but not yet our mind. Our spirit now is opposed to certain thoughts it use to be in agreement with. Our spirit now hungers and thirsts for righteousness, but our soul-mind is not yet renewed.

*That the body* (soma-human body) *of sin* (governing principle-power) *might be destroyed* (action subject to a condition, reduce to inactivity, render powerless)

God gave us a new spirit-displacing the old spirit, that the principle of sin at work in the human body (soul- flesh) (desires of the flesh and mind) that war against our new spirit, might be reduced to inactivity. As long as we no longer offer our members to sin, the warfare in our soul will be reduced to inactivity.

*That henceforth* (no longer) *we should not serve* (servitude-bondage) *sin.*

Through the salvation of our soul, the principle of sin is no longer a problem. The salvation of our soul is where it no longer acts independent of the revelation and flow of God's life in the spirit, as we learn how to keep our spirit in contact with God, where God' Spirit is influencing it and moving in it.

*For* (because) *he that is dead* (definiteness of action-permanent results, to die off) *is freed* (spiritual condition brought about by the action, to render just or innocent-justification of our spirit- our spirit was made just-or righteous) *from sin.*

In God's eyes when Jesus was crucified we were crucified and we became dead in the spirit realm to sin in the flesh-this is God's fact. Sin no longer has the authority to have power over us because we now have God's life imparted to us.

The moment our spirit is saved, it is against the flesh, but our soul may still enjoy sin, but to continue to live in it begins to cause us pain, we are miserable until we learn how to walk in the spirit.

*John 12:23 and Jesus answered them, saying, the hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you. Except (if-not, unless) a corn (grain, seed) of wheat fall (definiteness of action-active voice, from higher to a lower place, to perish) into the ground (earth, land) and die, (to die off) it abideth (right now, remain) alone (barren, acting on one's own authority)*

The seed of God's word in oneness with our spirit is surrounded by the outer shell of our soul which must die for the life of our spirit to produce fruit. Our spirit and our soul are joined together. The soul must die for the life of God in our spirit to produce fruit. Unless our soul dies, our soul remains alone-separate from the life of God. In learning how to walk in the spirit-the Lord reveals the laws of the spirit and the laws of the soul, so that we no longer live by the soul but by the spirit.

*But if it die (to die off), it bringeth forth (right now, to bear with the idea of motion into a place, to yield fruit) much (Quality) fruit (the fruit of the spirit-imparted to others)*

Once our soul dies, it is resurrected in the life of Christ, our soul is now alive unto God and there is nothing hindering the flow of the spirit.

*He that loveth* (to cherish above all else, have affection for) *his life* (the word is psuche in the Greek-soul-self) *shall lose* (to destroy wholly) *it*.

Our soul must come into submission to the Lord, or the sin principle in it will kill it. If we hold our natural life dear we will lose it.

*And he that hateth* (to detest, arbor, persecute, to not hold dear, important) *his life* (soul) *in this world shall keep* (keep in safety, preserve, guard) *it unto* (motion into) *life eternal*.

If we surrender our soul to the lord, our soul will enter into the Life of God.

*If any man serve*(continuous action subject to a condition, care for someone's needs) *me, let him follow*(command-continuous, identical way-death to self, in order to follow) *me; and where I am*(occurring now, place of honor, throne consciousness, spiritually minded, resurrection life, a spiritual condition, heavenly places, the secret place), *there* (in that place)*shall also my servant be; if any man serve*(wait upon, care for someone's needs) *me, him will my Father honor*(to esteem, to favor, to prize, mark of honor).

As we offer our body to the Lord our soul will be transformed as we learn to live in the secret place.

*Now is my soul* (life-self, thoughts and feelings coming into the consciousness) *troubled* (to stir up, agitate); *and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause I came unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then come there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.*

We have to go through a little suffering until our mind is renewed, but our soul will be glorified as it enters into resurrection Life.

*Rom 6:9 knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion (rule over) over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

Christ took on a mortal body, so that our sins might be transferred to it. His body is now glorified.

*Likewise reckon (command-continuous, to occupy mind with, to rely on, to conclude, settled, a steady look, mode of thinking) ye also yourselves to be dead (completely dead, inactive with regard to sin, inoperative) indeed (affirmative, truly unto sin, but alive (have life) unto God through (intimate union with) Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Through the revelation of our co-crucifixion with Christ on the Cross. The sin in our flesh has been crucified so we have to renew our minds to what God says- we are dead to sin, it is a past experience in the spirit realm, so now we bring into our experience through believing what God has said instead of trying to do it ourselves. If the flesh is continually drawing us into sin, we do not focus on our experience, but on what God has said, as we reckon our selves dead to sin, it releases the Spirit to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Jesus is the first born of a new race of people. We have received His Spirit through the new birth of our spirit. Our soul is now to be conformed to His image by being occupied with His thoughts. Every thought is to be brought into submission to His Spirit. Any thought pattern that suggests that we do not have absolute victory over sin is to be rejected. Sin only has access to us through deception. The thoughts that are a result of our offering our members to unrighteousness will be reduced to inactivity.

*Let not sin therefore reign* (as king) *in your mortal body, that ye should obey* (yield to command) *it in the lusts thereof.*

We cannot serve two masters, either Sin is lord or Jesus is Lord. Our soul is a servant and only as our spirit is empowered with God's strength can we not touch the unclean thing.

*Neither yield* (present) *ye your members* (the members of the body as the seat of desires and passions) *as instruments* (instrument with which something is affected or done) *of unrighteousness unto sin;*

Even though we are dead to sin in the spirit realm through Jesus' death on the cross-if we yield to sin for a moment we become its slave.

Our soul will not be transformed, unless we first offer our bodies as a living sacrifice.

*but yield*(command, must begin this moment not continuous, 1-near 2-to place, to place or set before someone, present, exhibit, to place at hand, supply, to stand before someone, in his presence) *yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from*(motion out of) *the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

We must yield our spirit to God, and in our soul reckon ourselves dead to sin, and allow the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Righteousness) to move through our spirits bringing our souls and bodies into subjection.

*For sin*(governing principle personified) *shall not have dominion*(to have or exercise rule or authority over, lord) *over you; for ye are not under the law, but under*(state or condition-under something) *grace.*(the influence of God's Spirit)

We are not under an outward law or code of conduct. We are under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, a living person, who's Presence; we shall become more aware of as we allow him to live in us.

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