

ROMANS STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 6:12-23

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Having A Life Worth Living – Part 2

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
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Having A Life Worth Living

Romans 6:12-14

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:15-19

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slave whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17

But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19 I speak in human terms because of the wokeness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

Romans 6:20-23

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and in the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Having A Life Worth Living

vs.

Living A Life Worth Having

When We Talk About “Having A Life Worth Living”

We Recognize What is Being Implied - That it is a –
Received Life, a Gifted Life, a Gracious Life

When We Talk About “Living A Life Worth Having”

We Are Implying - That We Have a Life That We Have Achieved, Earned,
Rolled Up Our Sleeves and Made It Happen.

Luke 9:23-25

23 Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. 25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, (“he says he’s living a life worth having”) and is himself destroyed or lost?

Having A Life Worth Living

1.) Is having a life powered by God	vs. 12-14
1a.) Power over my demons	vs. 12
1b.) Power over myself	vs. 13a
1c.) Power over my past	vs. 13b-14

**“Brief and powerless is Man's life;
upon him and all his race the slow sure doom falls pitiless and dark.”**

- Bertrand Russell

“Man is the product of causes which had no prevision of the end... his origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and his beliefs, are all but the outcome of accidental connection of atoms; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and that the whole temple of Man's achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the débris of a universe in ruins—all these things, if not quite beyond dispute, are yet so nearly certain, that no philosophy which rejects them can hope to stand. Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely built.”

- Bertrand Russell

The Westminster Shorter Catechism
**“The chief end of man is to glorify God
and to enjoy Him forever.”**
Circa 1646

Having A Life Worth Living

2.) Is having the awareness of God's grace

vs. 15-19

I'm going to deliberately take a direction on this that is as equally orthodox as the common approach - but this one is rarely heard -- it is this.

I do not mean to have the grace awareness of the grace of God to use as a safety net in-light of sin. I am talking about the awareness of God's grace to keep you away from sin. Not as a net to fall upon but rather as a border to expand.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NLT

There was a man named Jabez who was more honorable than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez because his birth had been so painful. 10 He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, “*Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory!* (coastline, area, presences, influence) *Please be with me in all that I do and keep me from all trouble and pain!*” And God granted him his request.

Having The Awareness Of God's Grace Is Having A Life Worth Living

2a.) His grace enslaves us to His freedom

vs. 15-16

Verse 15

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Paul answers again the antagonist
with the same answer he has given throughout this book with an
“Absolutely positively no way - how can you possibly think
a thought like that.” - kind of answer!

**“TRANS-formation” is the Missing Link
to today’s so-called Christian experience.**

Verse 16

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey,
you are that one's slave whom you obey, (#1) whether of sin leading to
death, or (#2) of obedience leading to righteousness

To a legalistic person - who doesn't know God's grace
they accuse Paul of granting license to sin because after all God's grace will cover it.

To the Jewish mind they believe Paul is preaching heresy
against the law of God, that a Jew can only get to heaven by keeping the law.

The Bible's Message is “TRANS-formation” It is the Missing Link
to today's so called Christian experience.

“TRANS-humanism” “TRANS-genderism”
-man without God is looking for a TRANS-formation
and that is impossible.

But Why? – why do you want to experience some form of
“TRANS-formation” in the first place?

Leonardo da Vinci said;
“One can have no smaller or greater mastery
than the mastery of oneself.”

Because you know, you sense something
is very wrong - you go about seeking a change.

TRANS-humanism & TRANS-genderism can never TRANS-form
you on the inside. Micro-chips can't do it and hormone
replacement can't do it – only Jesus Christ can do it.

Wanna know what real “TRANS-formation” looks like;

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ezekiel 36:27

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and
you will keep My judgments and do them.

Ezekiel 37:14a
I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live,

Isaiah 1:18
"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Now then, we (me) are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us (me):
we (I) implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no
sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Verse 16

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey,
you are that one's slave whom you obey, (#1) whether of sin leading to
death, or (#2) of obedience leading to righteousness

Sin holds people in the worse form of slavery.

**Well then – we choose to pick what's behind door # 2
obedience leading to righteousness is righteousness leading to freedom.**

Slaves must do the bidding of their master and if their master is sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, money, pride, power, manipulation, greed, lust, anger, violence, hatred, brutality, perversion – then you will easily be able to tell who the master is.

The remarkable thing is your master, or my master isn't some remote outside of us dressed in a cloak or some fancy Armani suit – when we look in the mirror we are looking at the representative of the master we serve.

Until we are emancipated from our Master sin
we will be unable to resist its authority.

Servitude (slavery) to sin keeps us in prison.

Which means our lives are continually disrupted by sins and desires. There's almost a sense of torment in such a life that knows what is right but keeps doing what is wrong. This person may only possess the knowledge of religion and completely empty of a relationship with God.

Servitude (slavery) to Christ sets us free forever.

Which means our lives are continually in harmony with his rule and reign in our lives even when we fail. There is a sense of great liberty and freedom, and we abhor that which is wrong and desire to do what is right. This kind of person possesses a relationship with God and is intimate with God.

This Is Having A Life Worth Living

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

It Is - The Life of God in Us - Is the kind of life Worth Living and it is a gift that is given to.

Ephesians 2:5-8

When we were (i.e. once) dead in trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come (eternity) He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Having The Awareness Of God's Grace Is Having A Life Worth Living

2b.) His grace commands us as His children

vs. 17-18

Verse 17-18

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

WE ARE UNDER THE “COMMAND” OF GRACE

Thanked grk: **charis**

concession, let favor be given, deep appreciation, overwhelming gratitude, and thanks.

O' Amen and Yes! Hallelujah. Thanks be to God!

John 6:44,65

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. :65 And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

Slaves grk: doulos;
bondslave, a willful, determined slave to another or something

Obeyed grk: hupakouo;
to listen to, to attend to, to respond to by action.

John 8:34-36

Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Commits grk: poieo
orchestrates, creates, to make or to produce, to prepare for, to invent.

Form grk: tupos
the marked or struck as in a coin or marquee, impression, stamp
made by a die, a pattern, type, to pour molten gold, silver, or wax
into a cast. to take on the shape of the master-piece.

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

1 John 3:9-10

Whoever has been born of God (BORN FROM ABOVE) does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

Having Been Made Free

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

**Having The Awareness Of God's Grace
Is Having A Life Worth Living**

2c.) His grace shapes us into His instruments

vs. 19

Verse 19

I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

This is what and who we used to be. This was our B.C. days.

1 John 1:6, 2:4, 3:9

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 2:4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 3:9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born (BORN FROM ABOVE) of God.

Question #1, do we see uncleanness in our own lives?

well, what does God say to do about it?

Question #2, do we see uncleanness in our loved ones lives?

well, what does God say to do about it?

Question #3, do we see uncleanness in our communities?

well, what does God say to do about it?

Did you know that right now as a Christ-follower you are being “shaped” “sculpted” “carved” “crafted” “fashioned” and “chipped” into a specifically designed tool for the glorification of God.

“Ya wanna know why obedience is so beautiful to the Christian – it’s because obedience brings you closer to Jesus. That’s why Jesus said, “deny yourself and pick up your cross and follow Him”. This is “the getting closer” because the closer we get to the cross - the bigger Jesus Christ becomes in our lives. The more “shaping” “sculpting” “carving” “crafting” “fashioning” and “chipping” that takes place - the more you and I take on His image.”

Verse 19c

so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

Members grk: melos

a limb of the body, the individual parts that make of the whole.

weapons, tools, implements of warfare. (*This is important as the Holy Spirit could have used several other words to define our members, He selected the word that means we are God's weaponry in God's hand against evil and unrighteousness. (How a Pastor or a Christian can miss this is impossible for me to understand)*)

I have an equation for you to consider.

The correlation between you (*a*) desiring to be used by God is in direct proportion to (*b*) the magnitude of your yieldedness to be controlled by God.

The outcome of this correlation in action is (*c*) discipleship!

The Translation of This Being

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

End of Study

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