

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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New LIFE Fellowship Announcements:

LIFE GROUP – this week at 6:30 pm

Wed. evening @ the Thomas'

→ End Time Prophecy Series ...



**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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Our Sanctification in Christ

Romans 6:1-23

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ²Certainly not! (God forbid!) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **NEWNESS of LIFE** (i.e.: **NEW LIFE**).

⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶**knowing this**, that our old man (i.e.: our old sinful nature) was **crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should **NO** longer be slaves of sin. ⁷For he who has **died** has been **FREED** from sin.

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⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ **KNOWING** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin **ONCE FOR ALL**; but the **LIFE** that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, **RECKON** yourselves to be **TRULY DEAD** to sin, but **ALIVE** to God in Christ Jesus our **LORD**.

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¹² 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.

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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? **17** But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For **just as** you presented your members as **slaves** to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so **now** present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

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²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. ²² But now having been **FREED FROM SIN** and **ENSLAVED TO GOD**, you derive your benefit, resulting in **SANCTIFICATION**, and the outcome, **ETERNAL LIFE**. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the **FREE GIFT** of God is **ETERNAL LIFE** in Christ Jesus our **LORD**.

**Our Old Sinful
Nature
created Sinful
Deceptive
Strongholds in
our lives. We
had more of
them the
longer we
were unsaved.
We must
destroy them
with TRUTH.**



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We used to be slaves to sin, controlled by the devil, controlled by the world, controlled by our old sinful nature ... We defended sin, selfishness, self-centeredness, sinful lifestyles ... we used to give excuses, we would die for the things we loved, the sinful things we thought were what we should live for.

**Sin held us captive - we loved it, and loved the desires of sin - we loved what sin loves - pleasures of sin (Heb. 11:25)
1 John 5:19 - We know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD LIES UNDER THE SWAY OF THE WICKED ONE. → the world system is like a puppet of the devil**

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Christ set us free from the PENALTY of SIN ... the instant we were born again, that instant we received Christ as our LORD, KING, GOD and Savior ... that instant we Repented of our Sins and Trusted in Him (in His Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection, etc.) ... that moment we Trusted in God, that God punished Jesus for all our sins on Cross ... past, present and future ... we were BORN AGAIN.

We were Justified, Forgiven, given Eternal LIFE ...

The PENALTY of all of our Sins were PAID for ...

The SIN Problem was Dealt with on the Cross

God DEMONSTRATES His own LOVE toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

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Christ set us free from the POWER of SIN ... STARTING the instant we were born again. This has to do with SLAVERY ... SIN used to be, was, our MASTER ... and we obeyed it. We LOVED to obey it (it was our friend). Our old sinful nature (the “old man” our “old self”) had POWER over us. The POWER of SIN was also dealt with on the CROSS ... but this has to do with CHANGE over a period of time. The longer we are in our Relationship with Christ, the more we Change to become more like Christ... but this is a Matter of COOPERATION. It is a matter of allowing Christ to lead us into deeper relationship with Him and want to OBEY Him, because we LOVE Him.

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Christ set us free from the POWER of SIN ... SIN is no longer our MASTER ... Christ is ...

We were created to Serve, Worship, Love, Obey, and Trust in God. When we, as a human race, fell into sin, after Adam and Eve disobeyed God but obeyed SATAN (the serpent) ... our nature was changed to be SINFUL. Our nature and Satan's nature became very similar. So, Satan, through our old sinful nature controlled us, by our sinful passions and desires which are in opposition to God and His will for our lives. We became SLAVES to selfish, self-centered → self-exaltation (just as Satan wants to be worshipped, so do we ...) we will worship something

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Sin is so deceptive ... its power is deception and lies that seem truthful ... and we like it, because it was our friend for so long. That is why we must stay in God's Word, the Truth, and seek to fall in love with God MORE and MORE ... that is our part. Christ is SANCTIFYING US as we cooperate with Him.

SANCTIFICATION is the PROCESS of God making us HOLY

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Christ set us free from the POWER of SIN ... SIN is no longer our MASTER ... Christ is ...

We must SUBMIT our Members as SLAVES to Righteousness ... we must Surrender all of our lives, every part of our lives to Christ, so that all we are, so that we LIVE ONLY to SERVE Christ ... ALONE. When we do this, we are Changed, Transformed to become more like Christ.

It has everything to do with us being Obedient to Christ. Trust and OBEY... just read and listen to the following Scriptures and allow God to teach us and see the THEME of What God is saying here...

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Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your **BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE**, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be **TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND**, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

(Romans 12:1-2)

Bodies as living sacrifices (e.g.: submitting our members)
The transforming of our minds is by feeding our minds with God's Holy Word.

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²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must DO what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the Word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a MIRROR. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free (the Perfect Law of FREEDOM), and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. James 1:22-25 (NLT)

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2 Corinthians 3:14-18

¹⁴ But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is **ONLY removed in Christ**. ¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; ¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the LORD, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the LORD is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is liberty (freedom). ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the Glory of the LORD, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the LORD, the Spirit.

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When we were outside of Christ, before we were Born Again, we were enslaved to SIN to obey its lusts and we liked it.

When we were Born Again in Christ, we started to follow our New Master, Jesus Christ. He set us free from our slavery to Sin. We DID not become PERFECT overnight. There were still things in our lives for Christ to clean up and uproot out of our lives. OUR PART is to FOLLOW Jesus. We must OBEY Him as we Trust in Him. TRUST and OBEY ... We must seek to LOVE Him more than our Sin. We fall in love with Him by reading over and over again His Great Love for us in the BIBLE.

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The more we focus on:

God DEMONSTRATES His own LOVE toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

And The More we focus on Reading, Studying, Obeying His Word ...

And the less we focus on Worldly Things, pleasing ourselves, etc., ... the more He will change and transform us to be more like Jesus Christ.

Did you notice that there was no mention of Rituals or religious acts, etc. but on Doing His Word, Obeying Him, Beholding Him, Focusing in on Him, etc.?

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My part in the Sanctification Process of God in my life is only to TRUST and OBEY Him. It is like turning on the light with a light switch. God supplies the Power to change me, just like the light switch allows the Electricity to flow through the wires to light the light bulb. I don't have to know how it works, I just need to know how to turn on the switch on the wall, that's all. In the same way I just need to Do what God said, and He changes me as I obey Him as I love and Trust Him.

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Jesus said, “seek **FIRST** His Kingdom and His Righteousness, then all these things will be added to you” **Matthew 6:33**. This principle of **Trusting and Obeying God FIRST**, primarily, **ONLY ...** and then letting God handle the things we can't, is a constant theme in God's Holy Word. **We cannot change ourselves**. Even though I know all about the strongholds in my life, that doesn't mean that they are gone now. God's plan is to get our full attention on Christ, our focus on Obeying God's Holy Word → in the Process, God changes us, sets us free from those things. He accomplishes it, just like us turning on the light switch, He supplies the **POWER** to Transform us.

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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