

Romans 6:6-23

6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

The scripture says we know something. We know that our old man is crucified with Christ that the body of sin may be destroyed that from here on out, we should not serve sin.

The word of God is clear that a Christians has an old and a new nature. They are contrary one to the other. The Bible calls your flesh the old man, while the Bible calls your renewed spirit the new man.

This is how the Bible can say you are sinless and then say you are still sinning. It's because of your two natures.

Standing vs. State:

Your standing before God (FIXED): Without sin, holy, unblameable in his sight (in Christ)

Your state before God (VARIES): Dependent upon your walk. You either are walking the flesh or in the Spirit.

What does this mean in light of eternity?

Since your standing before God is fixed, and your standing before God in Christ is a son of God, you are eternally secure. This means you cannot lose your salvation. Because salvation is not dependent upon your state or walk, it is based upon the finished work of Christ.

Since your state varies it affects your earthly life, which causes blessings and cursings to rain down from above (and sometimes those blessings come in the form of suffering and persecution). Not only does your state affect this life, it also affects your REWARDS in eternity. Your rewards for all eternity and judged based upon your love for Jesus Christ at the judgment seat of Christ. Your works are tried and are rewarded accordingly. Rewards are things you earn and are not given because you are saved. Salvation is a gift (Romans 6:23) and cannot be earned.

The Old Man – The Flesh

So what is the Old Man anyway? The old man is your flesh, your physical body which has a carnal mind. Your old man has lusts and desires. Did you know your body can produce thoughts and imaginations? The Scripture says the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like (Galatians 5:19-21).

The New Man – The (renewed, born again) spirit

So what is the New Man? The new man is your inward man and is a new creature. It is created in righteousness and true holiness. It is renewed in knowledge after the image Jesus Christ. It is the new man created when you are born again of God's Spirit. The new

man is not physical. It is a spiritual mind that minds the things of God. The new man cannot sin and is separated from the body of the sins of the flesh.

When a man is born again, he is spiritually circumcised and the body of the sins of the flesh is separated from the soul and spirit of man (Colossians 2:11-13, Hebrews 4:12)

The Old Man

Romans 6:6 Old man crucified with Christ that the **body** of sin might be destroyed
Ephesians 4:22 Old man is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts
Colossians 3:8-9 Ye have *put off* the Old man with his deeds

The New Man

2 Corinthians 5:17 New Creature, all things are become new
Ephesians 4:24 The New man is created in righteousness and true holiness
Colossians 3:10 Renewed in knowledge after the image of him (Jesus Christ) that created him (the new man)
Titus 3:5 Washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost

The Liberty in Christ

6:7-14 For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

When you were saved you crucified the old man with his affections and lusts (Galatians 5:24). Therefore you are now free from the power of sin. If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (John 8:30-36). The key to being made free from sin is getting to know the Lord. The rest will fall into place.

When we physically die, our soul and spirit is free. When we die to the old man (not doing what he demands) we are free from sin and can serve God.

We are to count ourselves dead unto sin, but alive unto God through Christ. Because of what Christ has done for us we should let sin run our lives anymore.

Sin will not have dominion over us any longer because Christ has made us free from its power. That is we know have a choice whether to obey sin or obey righteousness. Before salvation, we did not have a choice. Now through Christ, we have a choice.

6:15-18 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

We are not under the law, we are under grace. That doesn't give any Christian a license to sin, that's clear in the passage. He says shall we sin because we are not under the law? Answer: God forbid. That he explains an obvious truth most Christians don't like to face.

To whom you yield yourselves, that is who you actually obey. That is obvious right? Some people think they can disobey God's commands and believe they are serving God. If you obey righteousness, you are serving God. If you obey sin, you are serving death.

(17) We WERE (past tense) servants of sin, BUT we have obeyed from the heart the doctrine. That is what saved us and set us free. Believing on Christ and obeying his word.

Believing on Christ frees you and saves you from hell; believing on Christ and continuing in his word, frees you and saves you from sin.

(18) Since we have been made free from sin, we can now obey God.

6:19-23 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(19) This verse teaches us that sometimes people are weak or sick in the flesh because they have yielded themselves unto sin and uncleanness. It's not always true, but sometimes it is. Thank God it is not necessarily a permanent state. Paul says okay you have obeyed the flesh, now start yielding yourselves to righteousness and you'll start seeing some fruit.

(21) Sinful behavior and sinful lusts are unfruitful things. There is no benefit to them except temporal pleasure (Hebrews 11:25)

(23) The consequence for sin is death. If someone dies you know they are a sinner. But there is a gift out there that was paid for with the precious blood of Christ: that gift is eternal life and its only through Christ.