

GOOD EVENING

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Rom. 6-8

Transitioning From Rom. 6 To

Rom. 7 & 8

- 1. Human were created to be dependent instruments of a Master (Rom. 1:18-32; Rom. 6:16).**
 - a. Man's in rebellion against God thought that in declaring their independence from the benevolent Master (God) that they would actually became independent.**
 - b. They replaced God's truth with Satan's lie: that there is an independent "I." That they could live independently of God and be their own masters, their own little gods.**
 - b. But they didn't become independent, they didn't become their own masters! They were just handed over to another Master, an evil Master, Master Sin and Master Death.**

- 2. Mankind is ALWAYS serving a Master.**
 - He is born under enslavement to Master Sin and must do his bidding. There is no independent or autonomous "I."**

- 3. Paul's major point in Romans 6, is that what God did for us in Christ doesn't free us to do what "I" want. It doesn't make us independent. This is just a Satanic illusion, the Satanic Lie.**
 - a. It just changes who our Master is—Sin or Righteousness.**
 - b. God frees believers from Master Sin and Death to do its bidding and enslaves them to Master Righteousness so that we can now obey its bidding.**

- 4. This is the most startling effrontery to the flesh's "I"! There are only two options for humanity:**
 - a. It is either obeying the bidding of Master Sin unto death or it is obeying the bidding of Master Righteousness unto Life.**
 - b. There is no third option: There is no independent/autonomous "I" to obey.**

- 5. God freed us from our old Master, Master Sin, and united us to a new Master, Master Righteousness that comes from Pauline Grace (Rom. 6:17-22).**
 - a. Before salvation we were free of righteousness and could only offer our mortal bodies to obey the bidding of Master Sin.**
 - b. But God saved us by handing us over to new Master that brings about obedience: Pauline Grace Teachings, the Good News of Christ Crucified and Risen from the dead, which frees us from our old Master Sin and enslaves us to our new Master God so that we can present our mortal bodies unto Righteousness, Holiness and Life.**

- 6. In this new relationship with God, the question is not: What should “I” do; but what God has done and is doing.**

- 7. Asking: What “I” should be doing, is to go under a Law System, which focusses our eyes on the self and shows how far our “I” falls short--a very lonely, despairing place to be. (Rom. 7:7-25)**
 - a. In Rom. 7, “I,” “me,” “myself” words are used 47 times.**
 - b. “I” is only cognizant of an external Law that shows the heart’s bent to sin and continually condemns.**
 - c. The Law works on the principle of sin that leads to death (Rom. 7:7-10)**

- 8. Going under a Grace System, however, focusses our eyes on Christ and His Righteousness, a very comforting and hopeful place to be because it brings us into fellowship with the Triune Godhead.**
 - a. In Rom. 8 it is all about “we,” “us,” “our” (41 times) and the Spirit (21 times)**
 - b. “We” are cognizant of the Holy Spirit indwelling us where there is no condemnation (Rom. 8:1-9; 5:5).**
 - c. The Pauline Grace System works on the principle of the Spirit, righteousness and life, which overrides the principle of Self, sin and death (Rom. 8:2)**
- 9. There is no “I” for the believer. That is the lie of Satan.**
 - a. The Law shows the foolishness of thinking any such thing.**
 - b. There is only the believer in a “we” relationship with the whole Triune Godhead: United to God the Father through the Person and work of God the Son and applied by God the Holy Spirit.**

10. The amazing and most astonishing and other-worldly thing about Pauline Christianity is that it doesn't restore the old humanity's "I" to the basic human righteousness God was right to expect from His human creation and that the Law called for.

11. Rather, the old humanity is crucified together with Christ, and a new humanity is created in Christ, and that new humanity IS the Righteousness of God in Christ!

12. In saving us by grace through faith, we were swept up into the very life of the whole Triune Godhead.

a. And here there is no longer any "I."

b. There is only "we!" Each believer and all believers joined together in one Body of Christ, swept up into the life of the Triune Godhead.

13. So now as a “we” and not an “I,”: What are “we” doing as believers united to God through Christ, indwelt and led by the Spirit and joined to all other believers in bonds of Agape Love)?

14. The answer to this question is the “sonship” and “adoption” principle.

- a. When God created us anew in Christ and brought us into His family as adult children, adult sons and daughters.**
- b. Once we get to Rom. 8, “We” have been brought into the family of God under the headship of Christ, instructed in the work of the Father, made participants in the Father’s business, given the Father’s motivation (Agape Love) and power to carry out His business and have been given access to the Father’s riches in Christ.**

- 15. So what are “we” doing when we are walking according to the Spirit? As adult sons and daughters “we” go out into the world and conduct the Father’s business as adult sons and daughters.**
- 16. God isn’t going to tell us to do this and don’t do that. That is how minor children are treated: By the time we get to Rom. 8:**
- a. God has given us His business plan, policy, mission statement, and objectives in union with Him and other believers on this sin-cursed world, on enemy territory, under adverse circumstances.**
 - b. God leaves it up to “us” to determine with all our Spirit-directed creativity how best to serve Him, redeeming the time.**
 - c. We do this in the context of the “we” of the new humanity, in complete dependence on the whole triune Godhead and united in bonds of Agape Love to all other believers where no independent “I”s exist!**