

Romans #088

“Set Free; from Sin to Serve”

*Romans 6:11-13 Genesis 4:1-8*

*Colossians 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord (at salvation), continue to live your lives in Him (in sanctification).*

One of the most difficult things in spiritual experience is to let God do the work and to stay out of His way.

*Faith as a system of thinking must have an object which does the work and one of the great principles in the function of grace in the believer's life is the fact that God has already in eternity past, provided everything we will ever need.*

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Sin entered the human realm as it did in the angelic realm through arrogant self-centered disobedience to God.

*Cain didn't sprinkle any blood on the mercy seat but Abel came into the presence of God by the blood of an animal.*

So, one approached by blood because he was born again and saved and the other approached by good deeds because he was religious and lost.

*The desires of the sin nature are much stronger than family ties and there are two opposing things stronger than family ties: the sin nature and the application of the Word of God.*

*So, Cain's offering was not acceptable to God because God will never accept human righteousness as a substitute for divine righteousness.*

This is what religion does, it ignores the blood of Jesus Christ and it's characterized by good deeds and man's works are cursed, so the offering of the curse is not acceptable to God.

*Cain denied the fact that man was under a curse and that's what religion is always doing.*

*Often human opinion has high ideals, urging people to do good, making a better world but it always fails because it's man's plan, so the plan is no stronger than man.*

Man isn't strong enough, so his plan is no good; only God's plan can solve the situation.

*The way of Cain can be practiced by believers who live by only one side of the coin in being set free from sin's penalty but not living in the power of newness of resurrection life.*

*Positionally, the power of the sin nature is broken; whether this becomes a reality experientially, depends upon the believer's attitude toward the Word of God, the recovery technique and his spiritual growth.*

This is a negative command meaning something must stop, indicating that the believer

has an option regarding rulership of the sin nature.

*The breaking of the sin nature's power, obviously means that experientially, there can be and should be a change of motivation and behavior.*

We should never forget that living grace provides everything necessary for obedience to this command to stop allowing sin nature control and also the command in the next verse to offer ourselves to God.

**Offer is linked to military service with obedience and self-discipline to a constant series of orders being issued and obeyed.**

Because the sin nature's sovereignty over human life is broken through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and retroactive positional truth, the believer must not place any part of himself as a part of unrighteousness in the service of the sin nature.

*Paul says: 'Stop resisting the authority and discipline of God's service.'*

The brain is the mechanical expression of the soul's consciousness.

**At regeneration, the power of the sin nature has been broken through the real imputation of eternal life to its target, spiritual birth and the judicial imputation of divine righteousness to the believer.**

These two imputations break the power of the sin nature and add in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and for the first time, the human soul is in a position to be free of its sovereign ruler.

*By the intake of biblical truth, new information is fed into the brain computer and the new information programs it to respond to the second husband, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

The visible demonstration of divine authority is biblical truth.

Positional victory is the basis for experiential victory and positional victory provides the opportunity for the expression of positive response through the application of retroactive and current positional truth.