

But Now (Rom 6:22)

- Remember this section all started with the comparison of “In Adam” vs “in Christ”

- I. Comparison- Most effective form of teaching
 - A) The scriptures are always using this method, and especially the apostle Paul
 - 1. V.11- Dead unto sin vs alive unto God
 - 2. V.13- Instruments unto sin vs instruments of God
 - 3. V.17- Obedient unto sin vs obedient unto doctrine of God
 - 4. V.18- Emancipated from sin vs enslaved to God
 - B) Comparison is used by Paul in om ch 6 to show the Christian is a person that has undergone a great change
 - 1. Rom 6:21-22- “Then” vs “but now”
 - 2. Rom 6:20-21- “Ye were” vs “ye are”
 - 3. Rom 6:21-22- Nothing (implied) vs “fruit unto God”
 - i. This change is a complete change
 - a) “But now”- Like B.C. and A.D., we find time divided in the life of every believer into the “then” and the “now” which began at regeneration
 - 1) Isa 43:1- “But now oh Jacob....” compared to before call
 - 2) Rom 3:21- “But now” compared to life under law
 - 3) Rom 7:6- “ “ “ “ “ “
 - 4) Gal 4:9- “But now” compared to former life in sin
 - 5) Eph 2:13- “But now” in Christ compared to life in Adam
 - 6) Eph 5:8- “But now” in light compared to life in darkness
 - 7) 1 Peter 2:10- “But now” people of God compared to people of devil
 - ii. This change is something that is done to us by God
 - a) “But God”- Like the spoils of victory, we find the property of the King transferred into His possession
 - 1) Psa 49:15- “But God shall redeem my soul from the grace”
 - 2) Rom 5:8- But God loved us while yet sinners”
 - 3) Rom 6:17- “But God” saved us through His truth
 - 4) Eph 2:4- “But God quickened us”
 - 5) Tit 3:4-5- “But after that the love of God...”

 - II. “Being made free”
 - A) John 8:32- “The truth shall make you free”
 - 1. Rom 6:17-18- The Christian is a person who has been emancipated by God through the revelation of the truth

- i. It is the truth concerning what God has done on our behalf through the Lord Jesus Christ
 - ii. Eph 2:8- It is through the gift of faith this truth is received
 - 2. Sin is no longer the Christian's master
 - i. "I am as much saved now as I shall be in glory, but I am not yet as perfect as I shall be, because my mortal body has not yet been changed"- MLJ
 - a) The great change that has been affected in the Christian is not a physical change, although he begins to exercise some authority over his physics
 - b) "Sin is no longer my master, it is a nuisance"- MLJ
 - 1) For the lost man, sin is on top and the man fights to overcome it and fails; But for the saved, he has been placed on top and now sin struggles to hold on
 - (a) This is what Paul will address in Rom ch 7
- B) Sanctification is a lifelong process
 - 1. 2 Cor 3:18- Being changed from glory to glory
 - 2. Truth is the key to sanctification, and the Christian has victory through the knowledge of what is true of him in Christ
 - i. Col 1:12-14- Translated into God's kingdom
 - ii. 1 cor 6:19-20- Ye are not your own, but bought by God at an awful price
 - a) We can resist Satan because we aren't in "limbo" and dependent upon our own power, but are the property of God!
 - 1) 1 John 5:18-19- The whole world lies in wicked one, but he "touches not" the saved
 - (a) Satan cannot touch us, he can only tempt, allure, shout, trick and frighten us
 - (1) Like the chained lions in Pilgrim's Progress
 - (2) "When a Christian sins, he sins because he has just been foolish enough to listen to a voice to which he does not need to listen at all"- MLJ
- C) John 17:17- We are sanctified by the truth
 - 1. Notice the gradation of terms in Rom 6:17-22:
 - i. Obedience → Doctrine → Righteousness → God
 - a) We have no right to sin because our Master hates it
 - b) John 2:17- Christ's zeal for God
 - 1) Holiness- "set apart for the use of God" (like tabernacle vessels)
 - (a) This is the truth that leads to victory over sins in our daily life
 - (b) Holiness = "I came to do Thy will oh God"
 - (1) "Stop feeling your spiritual pulse and commiserating in self; the truth shall make you free, and the truth is ye ARE the sons of God"= MLJ

- (c) John 10:28- The Christian is a completely secure slave of God
2. Rom 6:22- “Ye have your fruits unto holiness” (not “unto God”, for that would be salvation by works)
 - i. Matt 7:16-18- The tree must come before the fruit
 - a) The nature of the tree determines the nature of the fruit
 - ii. John 15:1-5- The Vine and its branches
 - a) The branches must first be grafted in (Rom 6:5- “planted together”)
 - b) “Without” (outside of Christ = “in Adam”)
 - c) Progression: fruit → more fruit → much fruit
 - iii. 1 Cor 6:6-10- Every Christian must have fruit
 - a) James 2:26- Faith w/o works is dead
 - b) Gal 5:17-22- Works of flesh vs fruit of Spirit
 - iv. Fruit doesn’t appear mature on 1st day, but grows to fullness
 - a) 2 Cor 3:18- “From glory to glory”
 - b) 2 Cor 4:16-18- Though outward man (mortal body) perishes, inner man is renewed (grows) day by day”