

# Making TRUTH Real in Our Life

## A Study of Romans Six

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Isaiah 5:13 **My people go into \*exile for their lack of knowledge**

- \*The word means: to denude, especially in a disgraceful sense; by implication, to take into exile and the captives usually stripped.  
(Example: Isaiah 20:4)
- Our **lack of knowledge** allows satan to take us into exile and parade us shamed & disgraced.
- What we do not KNOW can certainly hurt us / cost us / embarrass us / and keep us bound in chains.

2 Corinthians 2:11 **so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.** 4:4 **the god of this world has blinded the minds** of the unbelieving so that they might not see . . .

- satan delights in taking you captive and leading you in exile, out of the Kingdom, exposing your nakedness, as he did with Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:7).

Genesis 2:16-17 **The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil** you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."**

Genesis 3:4-7 **The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!"**

- Who is the one who keeps THE TRUTH from us ? ? ? tells us lies that we, as fools, believe?

5**"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, **knowing good and evil.**"**

- The Lord never wanted us to know evil, only good.

6 **When the woman SAW that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise,**

- Wisdom from the WORD of the LORD was rejected, but accepted from what she **saw** and **heard** from the evil one.

- People today do the same and look for knowledge from what we **see or hear**, rejecting or never looking to the LORD or His Word.

she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. (a small disobedience can result in difficult or severe consequences)  
 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were **naked**; and they sewed **fig leaves** together and made themselves loin coverings.

- And they were led into **exile, out of the garden**. Our disobedience and lack of knowledge of the Word of the LORD results in a more difficult life – *“thorns & thistles,”* and the *“sweat of your face.”*
- satan disgraced them, stripped them, exposed them. He delights in making a fool of us and probably laughs as he watches us try to cover up our failures, our shame, from *‘lack of knowledge’* with something as useless as **fig leaves**.
- How often do we “cover up” our mistakes, defend ourselves – grab our fig leaves?
- Ephesians 6:11 & 14 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against **the schemes of the devil**.  
 (14) Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with **TRUTH**

❖ We all Stand girded either with TRUTH or FIG LEAVES.

Hosea 4:6 My people are **\*destroyed** for **lack of knowledge**.

- \*The Hebrew word means: to be dumb or silenced, to be undone, cut down, to fail or perish, to be destroyed.
- What you do not know (being dumb) can severely hurt you, it can cause you to fail, suffer loss, and miss opportunities.

What some call TRUTH is not always TRUE.

We live in a world that has unprecedented access to information. However with such access comes the need for great discernment. How do you know that what you have been told is The Truth?

Some “truth” is according to **PERCEPTION** – from our point of view.

### Examples of man’s PERSPECTIVE

(to become aware of through the senses especially sight or hearing):

- It was once thought that the earth was flat and the sun rotated around the earth. In the 1600’s **Galileo** with his telescope discovered that the earth revolved around the sun which was contrary to then accepted truth.

The Catholic Church put him in prison for the rest of his life because this challenged their **PERCEPTION of truth**.

- Everything came into being and evolved over billions of years out of slimy goo. Known as: “the Theory of Evolution.”
- Man’s ‘Perspective’ produced many theories that proved false over time.

What the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY calls TRUTH is TRUE INDEED.

His perception, His perspective of things is ‘Right On,’ it is TRUTH.

- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and **TRUTH**.
- Jesus told Pilate: I have come into the world, to testify to the **truth**. **Everyone** who is **of the truth** hears My voice. Pilate said to Him, “**What is truth?**” John 18:37-38  
It is a good question. Hinduism says “this is truth.” Islam says “this is truth.” Buddhism . . Sikhism . . Jainism . . on and on.
- Jesus said: I am **THE WAY**, and **THE TRUTH**, and **THE LIFE**; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14:6
- **IF** you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and **you will KNOW THE TRUTH**, and **THE TRUTH** will make you **free**.  
John 8:31-32

Therefore WE MUST: Not be conformed to this world, this age, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that we may **KNOW** and **DISCERN** what the will of God is, that which is of good benefit, acceptable and well pleasing, the complete whole and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

So, we MUST work on '*renewing our mind*,' KNOWING the Truth, and MAKING REALITY REAL IN OUR LIFE.

## The TRUTH From Romans Six

In Romans 6 we learn a Very Important TRUTH – to help us make **Reality Real** and Live with VICTORY over unforgiveness, rejection, anger and sin of any kind.

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

- ▶ Now that's dumb ! A conclusion obtained from a 'fig leaf' perspective.

(2) May it never be! How shall we **WHO DIED TO SIN** still live in it?

- ▶ WHAT? **Died to sin** I did? When?  
If "I died to sin," why do I still do these things?

(3) **do you not KNOW** that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been **baptized into His death?**

- ▶ Baptizoo (Greek) - literally means: **to place into**

So to translate the Greek word, Lets read vs.3 again:

**do you not KNOW** that all of us who have been **PLACED INTO CHRIST JESUS** have been **PLACED INTO HIS DEATH?**

From the LORD's Perspective: all mankind are either in Adam or in Christ  
(1Cor.15:22)

If we are "in Christ," the LORD GOD sees that:

Whatever JESUS is, WE ARE.

We are Righteous (Rom.3:22; 2Cor.5:21) and we are Holy (Col.1:22; 1Cor.3:17)  
- and -

Whatever happens to JESUS HAPPENS TO US.

(4) Therefore **we have been buried** with HIM through **baptism** (being placed) **into death**, so that (for the purpose that) **as Christ was** raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we also MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**.

- ▶ Jesus' blood – forgave sin & Redeemed us
- ▶ Jesus died – we died! **The wages of sin is death** Romans 6:23
- ▶ Jesus was buried – we were buried! FINISHED
- ▶ Jesus was RAISED from the dead – we were raised from the dead.

**This is “NEW BIRTH”**

1 Peter 1:3 His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead.

- ▶ so that NOW: **WE also MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**. NASB  
     “May” (NIV), “Should” (KJV)

**“Might walk in newness of life”**

- ▶ Active Voice: **the subject “we” must perform the action.**  
     **“I” MUST Do it !      “You” MUST Do it !**
- ▶ Subjunctive Mood: **the ACTION is contingent.**  
     **IT DEPENDS UPON ME / YOU!**
- ▶ WE HAVE THE OPTION to **WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**  
     **“iF” We Want To, and “if” We Will DO It!**

## JESUS HAS DONE HIS PART – NOW WE MUST DO OURS !

(5) For if we have become **UNITED with Him** in the likeness of His death, **CERTAINLY we shall also be** in the likeness of **His RESURRECTION**,

▶ to **WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE**

▶ **IT IS POSSIBLE !**

- ▶ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become **new**. 2 Cor. 5:17 NKJV

Step #1 is: **WE MUST KNOW THIS TRUTH**

(6) **KNOWING THIS**, that our **OLD SELF was crucified** with Him, in order that (for the purpose that) our **body of sin MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH**, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

- ▶ **This is TRUTH** from the LORD, His WORD as opposed from the "*Tree of Knowledge*" – man's perspective, through what he can **see** and **touch** through his fig leaves.

KNOWING THAT:

**"our OLD SELF was crucified with Him"**

**This is THE TRUTH ! REALITY !**

"was crucified"

- ▶ aorist tense – happened at a point of time in the past. When Jesus was crucified, **you were crucified**.
- ▶ passive voice – the subject: "our old self," received the action of being crucified. I did nothing to obtain it. **IT IS JUST FACT.**

**“our OLD SELF was crucified with Him”**

- ▶ Why?

in order that (for the purpose that) our **body of sin**  
**MIGHT BE DONE AWAY WITH**

- ▶ **“MIGHT”** is in the Subjunctive Mood, it is **contingent** upon **ME** taking **ACTION!**
- ▶ It is contingent upon **US** MAKING THIS TRUTH, THIS **REALITY, REAL in my life.**

By His death and shed blood, Jesus has FORGIVEN my sin and therefore I am **FREE FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN** (Death) and **I have** Eternal Life.

- ▶ It is a FINISHED, ACCOMPLISHED FACT for every true believer, BY HIS GRACE
- ▶ But now, Romans Six is showing us how we can be **FREE** from the **POWER OF SIN** in our daily lives.
- ▶ This is the part of our Salvation that **“we must work out”** (Philippians 2:12)

So, THE FIRST STEP IS:  
KNOWING THIS TRUTH:

**(7) for he who is dead is FREE from sin.**

- ▶ This is Realty! Truth!

▶ **This** is my deliverance and **VICTORY** over the **POWER OF SIN !**

▶ Have you ever seen a dead man sin? Kick him, hit

(8) Now since we **died with Christ**, we believe that we shall also **live with Him**,

▶ This is TRUTH / REALITY / ETERNAL TRUTH

(9) **KNOWING** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; **death no longer is master over Him.**

▶ **HIS Victory** over the POWER OF SIN & DEATH is MY DELIVERANCE and VICTORY over the POWER OF SIN & DEATH !

▶ **Christ will never die again**, YOU will Never Die. Death is no longer master over you. YOU have been placed into Christ.

(10) For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for ALL**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

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Step #2: Now that you KNOW the TRUTH

Make the REALITY REAL in Your Life!



## (11) Even so **RECKON** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Same word used 10 times in Romans 4:3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, 24  
It is also translated: Consider and Count.

**Reckon** – is in the Imperative mood – **a command!**

The Greek word is an accounting word that means: to take an inventory of, **KNOW THE TRUTH**, and come to the conclusion of the **FACTS** and **credit** that to yourself.

- ▶ The sum of all that has gone before.
- ▶ KNOW / BELIEVE the TRUTH that you can rely on, that you can TRUST.
- ▶ **WRITE IT DOWN / APPLY IT / STAND ON IT / TAKE ACTION / DO IT**
- ▶ SETTLE IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.
- ▶ It is the final word – **BELIEVE IT!**
- ▶ Hebrews 11:1-2 **Now faith is the assurance** (substance, or foundation) **of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**
- ▶ The Conviction of what is **TRUE** from God's **eternal perspective** and not based on my 'fig leaf' perspective of what I see or understand.
- ▶ **FAITH makes REALITY REAL** in our life. It is TRUE whether I believe it or not. But, FAITH makes the facts, the Truth, **REAL** in my life.

(12) **THEREFORE - DO NOT let sin reign in your mortal body** so that you obey its lusts,

- ▶ **YOU MUST TAKE THE ACTION. IT IS CONTINGENT UPON YOU**
- ▶ Paul tells us:
  - “**put off your old self** (Eph. 4:22)  
[that **was crucified** with Christ]
- ▶ Put off the old Dead Man! He stinks! And most everything he does stinks!

and to **PUT ON the new self**, created to be **like God** in true **righteousness** and **holiness** of the **Truth**.<sup>(4:24)</sup> do not give the devil a foothold.<sup>(4:27)</sup>

Satan says: “Partake from the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil” to be like God. The LORD says: “Partake from the “Tree of Life,” to be like God, “*created in righteousness and holiness of The TRUTH.*”

**“as Christ was raised from the dead . . so we also should walk in newness of life.”**

Romans 6:4 KJV

- ▶ It is your choice. **YOU MUST** make the decision on what **YOU KNOW** to be true and **APPLY it**.
- ▶ **DO NOT LET SIN REIGN !**

(13a) and **do not** (imperative command) go on **PRESENTING** the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness

- ▶ The LORD has done HIS PART, accomplished it for us.
- ▶ **We must do our part** and make THE TRUTH **REALITY** in our life.

Paul KNEW this Truth– Considered it / Reckoned it Credited it True in his life.

- ▶ **“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”** Galatians 2:20

That Thief is YOU ! That Thief is ME !



Crucified With Christ !

## Step #3:

(13b) But **PRESENT** (imperative) **yourselves to God** as those **alive** from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

- ▶ **Present** – to bring before and give, or surrender, yourself to.
- ▶ Two Choices:
  - (1) Present (Give) Yourself to sin  
- or -
  - (2) **Present yourself** to the LORD JESUS CHRIST and Righteousness.
- ▶ **Give yourself to JESUS.**  
Once a gift is given, to take it back is stealing.

You are not your own, for you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

- ▶ **Give yourself** to The **TRUTH** (John 14:6).

If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself, take up his cross** (die to self. Live a crucified life) **and follow Me.** (Matthew 16:24)

▶ THIS IS HOW YOU PRESENT YOURSELF TO THE LORD.

1. **KNOW** THE TRUTH
2. **Make it REAL** IN YOUR LIFE. STAND ON IT.
3. **PRESENT YOURSELF** / DEDICATE YOURSELF / GIVE YOURSELF TOTALLY and COMPLETELY TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW THE LORD

For the **love of Christ controls us**, having CONCLUDED THIS, that **one died for all**, therefore **all died**; and He died for all, SO THAT **they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him** who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15