James #45

You are under the law of Grace!

Open today in Romans chapter six RF.

Keep in mind this is my last message until I return on July 6th for the Lord’s supper.

Please take some time off yourself, enjoy your freedom here in America…what’s left of it and get together with family and friends.

Remember the 4th of July celebrates our strength as a country to break free from the bonds of oppression and tyranny.

Freedom is not free…there is always sacrifice for freedom.

We see that in the freedom we are given from the OSN the cosmic system, and the devil’s army through the person and work of TLJC.

I was attempting to close this out before I go on vacation by looking at the very essence of the OSN, which has been our current study. But I can tell we will open back up with this upon my return.

The essence of the old sin nature is specified very clearly in Romans 6.

/The essence of the OSN is fourfold. There is an area of weakness and an area of strength. There is also a set of lust patterns as well as a what we can note as a trend within the essence of the OSN. Every one of these essence areas is very powerful and each one entangles with the other and all have potential to drag us into Temporal Death after salvation.\

Within Romans chapter five we see the Apostle Paul teach upon the results of our Justification through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

He culminates the message by stating this at the end of the chapter which blends right into the answer of the next chapter – Romans 6;

/Rom 5:20 The Law came in so that the offense would increase; but **where sin increased, grace abounded all the more**, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, so also **grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.\**

The explanation is not a license to sin, it is stating very firmly - grace abounds in our Union with Christ …so walk in that!

God’s grace plan is only discovered in Christ and only applicable in this temporal walk in UNION with Christ.

That is where it ABOUNDS!

/To be fully in union (applicable) with Christ, is dependent on the ministry of God the HS (filling power) in the temporal. Once saved always saved – we are indwelt by the TRINITY, yet our union with Christ is only fully functional (operational power) when our fellowship is in order. This takes responsibility aligned with our free will to turn toward the justice system of God. The UNION with Christ is one and done (eternal), yet it is dormant in the temporal when the OSN is operational.\

At any given moment we are in the new nature or the old nature.

There is no middle ground.

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

The Apostle Paul is using a rhetorical question with a slight air of divine sarcasm.

Do you then continue into sin?…walk in the OSN rather than the New Nature. He is placing this rhetorical question in a fashion that a child could answer this.

 /[Rom 6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/2/s_1052002) **Far from it!** How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

MAY IT NEVER BE! (closer to original) stating a strong answer to this build up of rhetorical questions. All Bels are dead to the sin nature (retroactive positional death), this happened at the moment of salvation.\

The King James has this written - GOD FORBID! Which is not part of the original text.

The Apostle Paul knows the true power of God’s grace;

/Under grace everything depends on who and what God is. Everything depends on the justice of God being free from compromise in blessing man. This strong explanation denies the assertion that the increase of sins will increase the amount of grace. Grace is the policy of the justice of God in providing blessing for the Christian in time leading into eternity. Grace always emphasizes the power of God and completely nullifies the power of the flesh.\

They do not exist on the same plain – God’s grace and mankind’s effort or IQ is worse than oil and water – they are on two separate levels.

One is mimicking the angelic rebellion and the other controls and creates the whole universe and opens up blessings for all of us.

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Positionally the old sin nature is dead, nailed to the Cross of Christ. Its power and authority have been broken.

In the Divine Courtroom of heaven, it has already been sentenced to death.

Living in the OSN refers to continuing under the rule of the old sin nature, allowing a dead criminal to have authority in your life.

It always leads to a strong following of its trends, lust patterns—sins, human good, and evil.

It is one of our stronger sources of temptation and pressure.

/After salvation the OSN still resides in those contaminated cells of the body. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit at salvation the power of the old sin nature has been broken. This Adamic nature is done at the moment of physical death. The power of the OSN is limited to our own free will decisions because we have the option to have the divine power through the filling of the HS.\

Though the OSN is still present in our current body of corruption, it has been legally declared powerless to rule our lives.

/[Rom 6:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/3/s_1052003) Or do you not know that **all of us who have been baptized**(*baptizo’*) **into Christ** Jesus have **been baptized**(*baptizo’)***into His death**?

(Retroactive positional truth) – the aorist tense, speaks to already having been identified with Christ in eternal life and HIS spiritual death.\

It means at the moment of salvation this all happens – this has nothing to do with water baptism.

It can’t be about water baptism because the aorist tense is telling us this identification happens with HIS death and resurrected life in a moment of time.

/Rom 6:3 - The aorist tense is a constative aorist for a momentary action at the instant of salvation (adjustment to the justice of God) through faith in Christ. The passive voice: the Believer receives the action of the verb at the moment of salvation. It is obviously not a physical experience, it is spiritual. The indicative mood is a dogmatic statement of doctrine; *“into Jesus Christ”\*

The Apostle Paul is teaching Gentile Bels in Rome that this is an instantaneous ministry of God the HS.

The Apostle Paul was never there offering water baptism - he was under Roman arrest.

/Eph 4:4 *There is* **one body and one Spirit**, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith**, one baptism**,

 (1Cor 12:13, Mat 3:11)\

[Rom 6:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/4/s_1052004) Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.

/Rom 6:4 - *we too may walk in newness of life*.

The answer for the struggle within the OSN, is found within your consistent free will decisions to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (Bible Doctrine). ALL Bels *MAY WALK* in the new nature, they can take off the old then put on the new – walk in the light of truth – be filled by the Holy Spirit!\

Personal sin was judged for the grace provision of salvation, yet good and evil could not be imputed and could not be judged for salvation. They will not be dealt with until the end of the Millennium.

Therefore, good and evil continue as a part of the angelic conflict until the end of human history as we know it, which is the end of the Millennium.

 REPEAT

/ All Christians are separated (positionally) from good and evil so the Believer can walk in newness of life. Good and evil will be dealt with along with all fallen angels and Unbels at the Great White Throne Judgment. The power of the OSN is broken and we are separated from Good (human) and Evil yet we have to make decisions that place us in a habitual walk of the newness of life.\

It is necessary for us to realize what is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—

The trees in the garden sustained the man and woman and the LORD walked with them teaching and guiding them in perfect fellowship every day.

It was all grace – with the tree of life sustaining perfection in that grace.

The tree of life was an eternally sustaining fruit which now we have the Cross of Jesus Christ as our eternal tree of life.

 REPEAT

/The tree of knowledge of Good and Evil points us toward Satan’s policy as the ruler of this world. This is why it was forbidden, human good and evil is the very function of the OSN because the man and women rebelled and ate from it. They became spiritually dead; Satan then became the ruler of the world. The old sin nature then became the ruler of human life.\

This tree was forbidden because it represents everything that hinders man’s relationship with God.

Human good hinders man’s relationship with God and so does evil.

/In a perfect environment and pure innocence, man did not have to know good and evil to have a relationship with God. In fact, they are the extreme antithesis of man’s relationship in the garden, it was grace. Grace excludes both good and evil, God has to present Satan’s plan as a choice for man’s free will. God’s plan is many trees of lives concerning HIS sustaining power; with one which gives eternal life and continued divine knowledge.\

This is what the Cross represents and the mind of Christ gives us.

Only ONE tree was forbidden to mankind. Satan’s plan is viewed in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is independence from GOD.

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As long as man ate from the tree of lives he was choosing God’s plan.

Until one day he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and chose Satan’s plan, immediately making Satan the ruler of the world.

/God also in HIS grace plan, prohibited the eating of that tree, He warned against it! The tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil is the sum total of Satan’s genius. This knowledge is very deep in the realm of power or wisdom independent from God. Working toward good apart from God (personal strengths and IQ) such as religion and legalism. In the realm of evil; it is a full spectrum of dark arts, spiritual warfare, criminality, corruption and lust patterns.\

Some of the depths of evil knowledge could be studied in the BAAL system. As well as dark magicians that received supernatural knowledge from fallen angels and Nephilim.

It can be seen in a lifestyle opposed to the things of GOD in certain lust patterns; such as perversions, greed or addictions and narcissism…just to name a few.

Any form of religion, legalism and self- righteousness, falls under the category of Human Good.

So does working in the flesh from a place of personal strength or reliance on human viewpoint or human IQ.

[Rom 6:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/5/s_1052005) 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,

/[Rom 6:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/6/s_1052006) **knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *HIM***, in order that **our body of sin might be done away with,** so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

The body of the sin nature is done away with, it is in the temporal life that we MIGHT (free will) no longer walk in it!\

Many Christians instead, keep chasing after the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

[Rom 6:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/7/s_1052007) for the one who has died is freed from sin.

[Rom 6:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/8/s_1052008) Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

IF is a Greek first-class condition – this is the truth! We have been fully identified in the death, burial and resurrection with Christ and have a royal title in the CA, seated at the right hand of the throne.

[Rom 6:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/9/s_1052009) knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

/[Rom 6:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/10/s_1052010) For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all *time****;* but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

The sin issue was complete – the payment for your personal sins was done for you! This speaks to ONE and DONE, eternal security and the death of your OSN is ONCE and FOR ALL TIME.\

Written in a Greek definitive article.

There is nothing you did to earn and deserve any of this and this nothing you can do to undo the work of TLJC!

[Rom 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/11/s_1052011) So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Apostle Paul is asking the CA Bels to consider the truth of who we are in CHRIST!

Never forget your OSN need not have full authority in your life anymore.

From verse 9 into verse 11 the Apostle Paul is speaking upon BD digested in our soul.

He is telling us thru knowledge, studying accurate BD and reaching maturity through that knowledge, is how we can walk in the new nature.

[/Rom 6:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/12/s_1052012) Therefore **sin is not to reign in your mortal body**so that you obey its lusts,

Retroactive positional truth destroys the grip of authority of the OSN. Sin reigning to the point of strong lust patterns emerging is walking in evil.\

This is not the pattern set before us by the apostles and the life of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul is speaking upon this because it is a possibility – Christians have a free will before and after salvation.

Now we start to see the call for application which is divine knowledge fully assimilated. That is true wisdom.

[/Rom 6:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/13/s_1052013) and do not go on presenting the parts of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but **present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead**, and your body’s parts *as* instruments of righteousness for God.\

This speaks to the authority of the OSN, which is controlled and minimized by the filling power of the HS – BD circulating in the soul and a capacity for maturity.

Its not about sinless perfection.

[Rom 6:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/14/s_1052014) For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace.

You are not living in the dispensation of Israel – we are in the Church age!