2Thess #156;

Flee the devil and stand firm in your faith!

Please open back up in Romans chapter six where we left off RF.

This is one of the letters the Apostle Paul emphasized the OSN and how we can conquer it and how we must account for it.

He brought forth Justification and the righteousness of Christ seen in all Bels within chapters 5 into 6.

We also know by Romans chapter 7, the Apostle Paul explains the struggles he had with the OSN and how it is a large portion of spiritual warfare.

We noted that the letter to Romans, was one where he used rhetorical questions repeatedly, and answered his own questions, with a strong or forceful nature in the lesson.

The Apostle Paul is being very commanding and telling us all, to keep considering and dwelling upon what GOD has given us – the righteousness of Christ!

[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,

The OSN is kicking against its final death sentence which is nailed to the Cross of Christ - like the dead flesh of a circumcision.

It is still active in the temporal walk and yet he is commanding us not to allow it any authority in our life.

/DO NOT continue to allow a power of darkness and dead flesh to control you. The shorter accounts with the OSN ensures greater freedom, growth and calm assurance, which eventually gives a Bel true discernment and spiritual strength. The shorter accounts with the flesh, also ensure you are not the stumbling block for others around you!\

Rom 6:13and 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.

DO NOT go on presenting your ear gate, or your eye gate… or any physical aspect of your body or thoughts to be involved in sin.

This means all Christians have to take responsibility for their lifestyle choices and make the appropriate decisions.

/[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**.

Church Age Bel – you are no longer under the LAW, nor under the death of slavery to a sinful nature. You will find true freedom in the grace of GOD’s gifts and plan.\

You are not called into religious rituals or called back into the person you were as an Unbel – you are called into a relationship with the Creator of the universe.

Make those decisions for the positive while mindfully avoiding the negative.

[Rom 6:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/6/15/s_1052015) What then? Are we to sin because we are not under the Law but under grace? Far from it!

Never let this BE!... God forbid!

/Rom 6:16 Do you not know that *the one* to whom you present yourselves *as* slaves for obedience, **you are slaves of *that same one* whom you obey**, either of sin **resulting in death**, or of obedience **resulting in righteousness**?

You are never filled by God the HS and walking in the flesh at the same moment. There is one or the other you have allowed as a yoke in your life at any given moment.\

Within this lesson and closing this series out, we need to look into the challenge of the problems and also the solutions in relation to the OSN, and this battlefield of the cosmic system.

/The Problem of our flesh combined with the devil’s world (1 John 2:15-17), is seen in the - Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes & Pride of this life.

The solutions are – Flee the flesh, Deny the kingdom of darkness and resist the devil. (1Tim 6:11, 2Tim 2:22, Rom 7:18-24, Rom 6:12-13, Rom 8:13, 1Pet 5:8, 1Pet 5:9) \

We looked at the word – *body*, last lesson which indicates that the OSN is in the cells or DNA of the human body –There are four basic areas of the body of the sin nature, we all have within our flesh.

/Four of these parts or trends within the OSN: 1) area of weakness, meaning this source of sin comes from sinful lusts or patterns deep with us, sins that so easily entangle us;

Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's **rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin** which so **easily entangles us**, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us,\

Addictions and lusts for money, sex or power are seen in this trend. Just as emotional waves that we easily fall into are weak areas of the OSN.

The weak area is the one you really have difficulty in handling.

/2) The area of strength, source of human good. That which you have confidence or strength in. It may be a talent or a level of intellect. It is often very deceptive and becomes nothing more than deeds of the flesh because it is an area you shine above others in.

3) Trends toward asceticism – self-denial, religious rigor or legalism even within thoughts (judgment of others). The Pharisees are the extreme example of asceticism. Yet the Bel who lives a rigid life to stand out above others and becomes the spiritual police officer, is also under the trends of asceticism.\

/ 4) The trend of the old sin nature toward lust, (lasciviousness) loose living and manipulating the grace of GOD to favor themselves. No matter how much or how far they step outside Biblical standards they insist they are spiritual and can never be questioned or changed. This is often the person who lives a lifestyle opposed to large swaths of the truth of scripture and yet claim -*This is who GOD made them to be!*\

They use grace as license to sin and the deceptive part about these types of Bels, is that they know enough doctrine or scripture to argue their false points.

They do a decent job defending their stance or lifestyle, even if it is blatantly against the word of GOD.

I would warn you…some of these types of Believers may have never been born again and saved. They are either apostate or never truly believed upon TLJC.

The problem of the OSN combined with a lost and dying world which is influenced by fallen angels is a very real deception - a very real temptation.

This is why TLJC taught the apostles to warn all Bels against the schemes of Satan and his cosmic system;

 /Jhn 2:15 **Do not love the world nor the things in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For **all that is in the world**, the **lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes** and the **boastful pride of life**, is not from the Father, but **is from the world**.

Eph 2:2 in which you previously walked **according to the course of this world**, according to **the** **prince** **of** **the** **power** **of**  **the air**, **of the spirit** that is now working in the sons of disobedience.\

 In 2Corinthians 4:4 - the Apostle Paul calls Satan - the god of this world.

Yet many Christians still believe there is something of great value in this cosmic system. Because they dedicate most of their time, talent and treasure into it.

The sooner a Christian recognizes that the majority of the time they are walking around on enemy territory… the better.

Not to be in fear or anxiety because that shows your lack of faith in GOD – yet just to be in full knowledge that most of what happens around you can be influenced by satanic opposition.

If you are not willing to recognize a problem and really understand it, you then become a victim of it!

 REPEAT

Problems never get solved by ignoring them.

Now the answer or solution is found in scripture.

/1Tim 6:11 But **flee from these things**, you man of God, and **pursue righteousness,** godliness, faith, love, perseverance, *and* gentleness. 12 **Fight the good fight of faith**; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and *for which* you made the good confession in the presence of many  witnesses.\

The Bels who use God’s grace plan for a license to sin, do not like to approach this aspect of scripture – we are called into action at salvation.

Not action or effort of the flesh, but action within our union with Christ – we are called to pursue spiritual growth, we are called into a battle, that requires action and commitment.

 REPEAT

/2Tim 2:22 Now **flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness**, faith, love, *and* peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Remove yourself from the areas of weakness and the influence of evil. To the best of your abilities, flee the negative and pursue the righteousness of Christ (New Nature).\

Remember sin is a pathway to death. And death comes in several forms – for the Unbel, in the end they will die twice – physically and spiritually (separated from God for eternity).

For the Bel living in the flesh, they die slowly in the aspect of spiritual strength and spiritual guidance. In the end, they may face the sin unto death, entering heaven at the lowest point of being a loser Bel.

 REPEAT

Having missed out on crowns, blessings and rewards- temporal and eternal.

/Rom 8:13 for **if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die;** but **if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body**, you will live. 14 For **all who are being led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons *and daughters* of God.

The more you walk in the light of truth within the new nature, the stronger you become. You slowly put the OSN to death, it loses a stronghold at super-grace maturity.\

It will gladly resurface, if you peel away. Because it still has a limited, life until you enter a resurrected body, which is minus a sin nature.

**/**[Rom 8:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/15/s_1054015) For **you have not received a spirit of slavery** leading to fear again, but **you have received a spirit of adoption** as sons *and daughters* by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

Walking in the OSN habitually is a devasting form of slavery, that is very difficult to break away from. While habitually using the two power options, gives us a calm assurance as children of GOD.\

The spiritual life keeps leading us closer to intimacy with the Triune God.

One of the key lessons I was led to teach on, toward the end of the Matthew series was having a balanced and organized life.

This study in 2Thess 3, will touch back into many of the same principles. Starting right here as a solution to the problem of the OSN and the cosmic system working against you;

/1Pet 5:8 **Be of sober *spirit****,* be **on the alert**. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, **seeking someone to devour**. 9 So **resist him, firm in *your* faith**, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world.\

The Bel who gets their life organized and balanced, begins to have ample time for everything, while still placing their relationship with GOD as the priority.

If you do not have time for GOD at least 3 to 4 hours a week, something is unbalanced or unorganized in your life.

At higher levels of maturity, it becomes easy to have one hour a day or more for GOD. God grants you 24 hours in a day, have you ever sat down and really mapped out what you do with those hours?

The difference between a loser Bel and the winner Bel in time, is how organized they have their life and how serious they are about their priorities in life.

The closer you walk to GOD – meaning utilizing those two power options daily, the more you are walking in the pure light of truth.

The Spiritual Believer walks in the light habitually. The carnal Believer walks in darkness habitually;

/1Jhn 1:5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light**, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we **say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie** and do not practice the truth; 7 **but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship**with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.\

The first step is to recognize the fallen world we live in and the OSN which attempts to control us.

Jesus Christ is the only person born into the world who was born without sin; He did not have an old sin nature. Everyone else does – and many fool themselves into thinking they are not that bad and they are inherently good enough to be favored by GOD.

Yet the Bible is clear that without the righteousness of Christ, no one is ever GOOD ENOUGH!

After salvation if the Bel refuses to get filled by the HS, then learn and apply Bible doctrine - they fall short.

Meaning that righteousness of Christ needs to be allowed to shine forth and it can not do so if the flesh is attempting to take control.

The old sin nature is not found in the resurrection body. This is the doctrine of ultimate sanctification, yet until the time of the Rapture - no one but TLJC has a resurrected body of perfection.