

The Divine Exchange - Romans 6:1-14 Our Benefits Package Part 4

Divine Exchange: We come in with nothing - we leave with everything

A) We have been examining what we have called our Spiritual benefits package in Christ

B) Romans 5:1-5 We saw 6 things

Week 1 - Proclaimed Righteous

Peace with God

Week 2 - **Privilege of Access** into God's presence
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Week 3 - **Promise our future** - the promise of the Hope of the glory of God

Purpose in our pain and suffering

Perfect love of God has been poured into us

C) Today we are going to see benefit #7 here in Romans 6 - **Power over sin!**

D) Romans 6:1

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6 signals a shift in the book of Romans

A) Chapters 1- 5 dealt with justification - Declared righteous or **just as if you never sinned**

B) NEW STATUS IN CHRIST

C) In chapters 6- 8, the emphasis switches from the positional truth of justification

1) to the practical truth of sanctification.

D) Because we are justified positionally, we are sanctified practically.

E) To be sanctified means to be set apart.

1)) That is, we are set apart to the LORD to be used by the Lord, and to become more like the Lord.

Another distinction is in Romans 1- 5 tells us we are dead *in* sin.

A) Romans Chapters 6- 8 tell us we are dead *to* sin.

B) Chapters 1- 5 tell us we are free from the penalty of sin.

C) Chapters 6- 8 tell us we are free from the power of sin.

D) This is why Romans 6 is one of the most powerful and potent passages ever penned by the apostle Paul.

You recall in Chapter 5 we saw how Paul painted this beautiful picture:

A) Of how we have been brought out of Adam and placed into Christ.

B) How we were living under the Law apart from Christ -

1) and we are now living under Grace because we are in Jesus

C) Paul ends Chapter 5 with this Beautiful statement: **But where sin abounded, grace abounded**

much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Galatians 5:20-21

That my friends is such a powerful statement -

A)And one that gives great hope to our present cultural moment -

B)When we look at our cultural - Sin is abounding - growing - daily - more sick - more crazy

C)And when Sin abounds - grace abounds all the more.

D)That is why I believe that we are either being prepared for another Revival -

1)another outpouring of God's spirit - seeing glimpses right now - College campuses

E)Or we are things are being set up for Jesus to come for his church -

1)I am good either way- right ?

So Paul ends ch.5 with this beautiful statement this wonderful reminder - **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more- Literally - the grace of God super abounds**

A)If sin is like Big Bear Mt – 7400 ft in elevation
Grace is like **Mt Everest 29,035 ft** in elevation.

B)Our sin is miniscule in comparison to God's grace!!!

C)So where Sin abounded – Grace super abounded

That statement – would get two reactions from Paul's audience made up of both Jews and Gentiles.

A)To the staunch Jewish person who grew up in a system where they thought – **you come into favor with God by keeping the Law –**

B)Their reaction would be to accuse Paul of being **Antinomian** – or promoting lawlessness –

1)Basically saying – Paul you are saying how a person lives doesn't matter.

C)But the Gentile's who were not familiar with the law of God might have responded -

1) **if God is so gracious** -if his grace super abounds our sin -

D)let's just sin more - so that He can give us more grace.

1)Our sin is just magnifying God's grace - lets sin with gusto!

To both groups Paul would say, you are seeing this all wrong!

A)Notice Paul's response in Romans 6:1 **What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not!** . Crazy - nuts - no way

B)Paul follows that with a powerful truth and question - **How shall we who died to sin Truth - How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**

C)Here in ch.6 Paul is telling us that what we **KNOW** is supposed to affect what we do-

D)There is something you need to know about your new status and standing in Jesus -

E)What you **KNOW** to be true is to affect how you live

Paul Continues

Or do you not **know** that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection.

In these verses Paul tells us Our identification with Jesus Christ is symbolized by baptism.

When a person comes to Christ -

A)Their old life (old sin nature) was crucified with Jesus on the Cross and buried in the grave. -

B)Symbolized in Baptism when they went under the water - burial - old man buried

C)When you come up out of the water it symbolizes a **Resurrection: You have been made alive in Jesus** - 1)now through his spirit you can walk in a newness of life -

D)New status - Righteous - but also new power - no longer bound by sin -
1)no longer in bondage to lust - old vices

Listen the Key is not in behavior modification it is in IDENTITY - KNOWING YOUR IDENTITY in Jesus Christ

A) In preaching on this chapter, Dr. Tony Evans tells the story of a **guy who visited his therapist** and said, "I need some help changing my diet."

B) The nutritionist said, "OK, what's the problem?" And the man said, "Well, every time I go to the grocery store I find myself inexplicably drawn to the dog food section."

C) something in me says 'You really need to go to that section.' And when I'm there, I find myself staring at the pictures on the dog food bags.

D) Looks so good - I rip open a bag and start eating

Sometimes I get so excited I bark and howl

A) And I'll lay on my back and try to get people walking by to scratch my belly."

B) The nutritionist says, "Well, sir, that is indeed a problem

1) How long have you been like this?"

C) And the man responded, "**Ever since I was a puppy.**"

PAUL IS TELLING US: Change begins with how you see yourself.

A) Seeing yourself the way that God sees you!

B) Knowing who you are NOW in Christ is the key to everything!

C) Last week - My wife and I flew to OKC - on Tuesday for a quick trip to see our Son.... Jack

D) On the plane - I was sitting next to a young gal who just graduated from IU

1) She was working in Denver as behavioral therapist

She wasn't a Christian - but was somewhat familiar about Christianity.

A) She asked me Why do people who believe in God and follow Jesus seem to have an easier time changing wrong behavior

B) Really connected to realizing who you are in Christ - and who it is who is living inside of you.

C) God is doing a work on the inside of you - that affects you on the outside.

D) Because of who is inside of you - Jesus - His Spirit - there is REAL POWER to change.

E) This is one of the most important truths connected to knowing Jesus

1) Being who you are now in Christ - instead of who you used to be in Adam - old nature.

Paul continues to break this truth down -

A) What he shares here is so VITAL - SO POWERFUL - so life changing

B) Paul says there is something we need to Know and two responses to this truth

C) Something to Recognize - followed by Reckon and then to Resolve

RECOGNIZE - Identification -

⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him,

A) When Jesus died on the Cross two thousand years ago, something incredible happened.

B) My old sin nature was crucified with Him.

C) Old man - your old sin nature - that propensity you had toward sin

1) Was crucified with Christ

D) Paul continues that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Note the phrase: that the body of sin might be done away with-

A) Done away with the Greek -*Katargeo*, means "rendered inactive" or "paralyzed."

B) It doesn't mean "annihilated."

Picture a bully in your life - someone who picked on you as a kid - stole your lunch money -

A) who just harassed you all through grade school.

B) The Bully gets in a car accident and is paralyzed from the neck down -

1)Rides around in a wheel chair in school - can't pick on you - anymore

C)He can try to intimidate you -threats - but his power has been **rendered inactive in your life**

D)That is the idea behind Katargeo - Done away with

E)the Sin nature is still there and will always be there as long as we are in these bodies

1)But it's power has been rendered inactive

The only power it has is when we give in to its demands.

A)Think of it another way:

B)When I was in Jr. High I played baseball for this one coach named MR. Clark -

1)he was a lot like the Devil in this way he was really nice - to try and get you to join his team

C)Once on his team - turned into this really mean guy -

1)his way of motivating was to make you so afraid of making a mistake - not a great way to coach -

D)He was super intimidating

Well let's say I ran into Coach Later today at Home Depot -

A)he saw me and recognized me, Rob Salvato -I remember you.

B)Remember that time you dropped that fly ball?

- I do - give me 50 pushups in the isle - -

1)20 laps around the store - right now.

C)Sorry Pal - I am no longer on your team - no longer my coach -

D)Your power has been rendered inactive in my life

Well in a Similar way- We are on a new team - Team Jesus

A)Power that sin had on us has been paralyzed - rendered inactive - we can say no to sin

B)Therefore, when your old sin nature screams, **"You've got to take that smoke, pour that drink,**

toy with that fantasy, give in to anger, or gossip"—

C)We can respond - I don't need to listen to you anymore -

1)your power has been rendered inactive in my life - NEW MAN / NEW WOMAN

D)NEW TEAM - TEAM JESUS

So the first thing Paul says here is Recognize that fact - Know this truth -

A)The old man the old Sin nature has been rendered inactive in your life

B)He continues to explain how this works

⁷For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; (He died once - doesn't have to die over and over again -

C)Died once and for all - and he DIED ONCE FOR ALL - HIS DEATH IS ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US) but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

D)Sums it up this way JESUS IS ALIVE FOR GOD - AND YOU AND I ARE ALIVE IN GOD

E)SO RECOGNIZE THAT FACT - Your old man has been crucified with Christ -

1)It's power has been done away with - rendered inactive in your life

#2 RECKON -V.11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A)Now the way Paul's uses the term is not how a person from the South uses the expression.

B)You ask someone in the south - do you think it is going to rain tomorrow - they might respond -

1)I reckon so - he is saying, "*I guess so*" or "*it might*" or "*I hope so*",

C)There is no certainty in that phrase the way it is used today in the south

The Greek word translated "**reckon**" means "*to consider it so*" - "*to treat it as something that is true*."

A) A term used in accounting which means to add up the numbers or the facts & see that they are so!

B) SO if Paul said, "*I reckon its going to rain*" he'll be taking an umbrella with him.

C) this is a fact ! consider it a *done deal*. Act accordingly.

Your old man has been crucified with Christ - the power of sin has been rendered inactive -

A) You are a new person in Christ - so act accordingly - live like it

B) The power that brought Jesus forth from the grave is now available to you- so walk in it!

Think of it this way: Let's say you lost your job, and after 6 months - still unemployed - in debt

A) in danger of losing your home.

B) A Rich Uncle hears of your situation and wants to help -

1) so he deposits \$1 million dollars into your bank account and gives you the deposit slip to prove it.

C) Now if you didn't use that money to pay your mortgage - and you ended up losing your home -

1) how foolish would that be.

D) Or if you were out on the street panhandling - when you have a million dollars in the bank -

1) that would be crazy right

DD) If you continued to live in poverty it would be due to your failure to really believe what your Rich Uncle did for you !

E) Unfortunately that is how a lot of Christians live -

1) They have the power and wealth of Jesus at their disposal - **They still live like they are poor and weak**

God wants you to change the way you see yourself.

A) Don't just see yourself as *a struggling sinner* - see yourself as a *victorious saint*.

B) This isn't mental gymnastics, or the power of positive thinking.

1) Paul is not telling us to think into existence something that's really not true.

C) *Considering it so doesn't make it so. We consider it so because it is so!*

D) "*To reckon it so*" - is to learn to see yourself as God sees you.

Remember the story of the ugly duckling?

He was actually a beautiful swan, but he was bred a duck. The other ducks considered him strange, and odd, and always put him down.

He was an ugly duck... and every afternoon he would look across the lake at the elegant swans on the other shore, and wish he was a swan.

Until one day he noticed his reflection in the edge of the water - and for the first time he saw himself as he truly was. He wasn't an ugly duckling after all, but a beautiful, elegant swan.

The realization changed his life.

If you're a Christian you're a beautiful swan, not an ugly duck.

A) It's time you looked in the mirror of God's Word, and saw yourself as you truly are!

B) **Then act accordingly** -

C) Learn this truth - Matthew 5:3 **Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven**

D) Poor in spirit - utter dependency upon Jesus for everything

1) That posture opens up the door to God's resources

The question is not whether His provision is sufficient but whether or not we reckon it to be true !

A) Will you admit your need - lean into him -

B) Or will you continue to do everything in your own strength - wisdom - and ingenuity ?

C) But as long as we are thinking - I can do this - I am strong enough - good enough -

1) the door to God's resources are closed to us.

So First Recognize this Fact - Old man has been crucified with Christ -

A)Dead to sin - Alive in Christ

B)Reckon it to be So - Believe it and live accordingly

#3 RESOLVE - decide firmly on a course of action.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

RESOLVE: NEW COURSE OF ACTION.

A)Lived your whole life catering to your fleshly appetites - giving into temptation -

**B)chasing after ways to satisfy the flesh
1)NO MORE!!!!**

**C)I am going to present the members of my body to God - and to pursuing righteousness
1)Instead of trying to gratify my flesh**

D)Present conveys the general idea of surrendering or yielding up.

**E)NO longer surrendering or yielding up the members of my body to gratify my flesh
1)Now I am going to surrender and yield my members to pursuing righteousness**

Amplified: Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. But offer and yield yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and your bodily members and faculties to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness.

Here is what this looks like practically

A)My eyes - no longer giving them to look at things that I shouldn't -

B)Instead I am going to resolve to dig into God's word

C)My mouth - I am no longer going to give into the urge to gossip -

1)instead resolve to speak what is kind.

D)Speak life into others - instead of tearing down - I am going to build up

Consider another passage where Paul uses this word Present - to yield and give yourself over

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent - Energy and Focus and discipline

A)Giving yourself to following the word

B)God's commandments are God's enablements

C)I move in this direction of presenting my members...

1)Jesus meets me with his power

Dating couple- Guys you are driving her home

A)You get to her house and you park the car - here is what you do.

B)You grab her hand and pray thanking God for her and for a sweet night

1)You pray that God will richly bless your next few moments together

C)I can't do that - why - If I do that I know what is going to happen -

**1)If I do that it is not going to happen - RIGHT?
That is the point**

D)You yield your members - you yield your body to the Lord and an interesting thing happens

The old man who likes to say - You got to give in - I am stronger than you - no power to resist me

A)He is rendered inactive, incompetent - to have power over you.

B)Talk to people all the time - give into temptation - what happened - I couldn't help it -

1)NOT TRUE.

C)What is true is when we give into temptation - we are simply not appropriating the power we have in Jesus

D)But you have to be wise: You avoid the places of temptation - by presenting your members to Jesus

For every New Testament principle, God gives us an Old Testament illustration.

A)And this one is no exception, as seen in the Book of Judges ch.4

B)The people of Israel were in bondage to the Canaanites.

1)For thirty years, they had been intimidated and dominated, repressed and oppressed.

C)The leader of the Canaanites was a man named Jabin.

1)Jabin turned over control of his empire in that particular region to a man named Sisera.

D)Sisera, then, represents the old man, our old sin nature.

E)Jabin is a picture of Satan—one whose ultimate desire is to oppress, suppress, and depress us.

After thirty years of serving Jabin and Sisera, the people of Israel cried to the Lord.

A)The Lord, in turn, raised up a deliverer—a woman named Deborah.

B)When the time came for the Israelites to engage in battle against the Canaanites, Barak, the Israelite general, said to Deborah, “I won’t go unless you go with me.”

C)Deborah said Okay -, “I’ll go with you, but you must realize that credit for the upcoming victory will go to a woman.” Barak responds - No problem

So the Israelites go into battle - severely outmanned and outgunned.

A)The Cannanites under Sisera are armed with 900 chariots at his command.

B)The chariot was equivalent to a Phantom Jet, Black Hawk Helicopter

C)And the people of Israel had nothing like that. It looked like the Israelites would be slaughtered.

1)But God intervened miraculously and gave Israel victory. Sisera, however, managed to escape.

D)Running for his life, off in the distance he saw a tent.

1)In front of the tent was a woman Sisera recognized as Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite.

Heber and his wife Jael - had left the Canaanites and joined themselves to the people of Israel

A)The name Heber means Crossing over - they had crossed over into a new land -

B)And they traded their old world for a new country – new tribe -new team

C)That’s just what you did when you left the old world system and said, “I want to be a part of Your kingdom, Lord.

D)I’ve had it with the world’s corruption, deception, and pollution. I choose to follow You.

You set up camp in the new land—and what happened?

A)Guess who suddenly and unexpectedly showed up on your front doorstep?

B)The guy who used to dominate you, the guy who used to have authority over you,

1)the guy who used to intimidate you: Sisera.

C)Sisera is looking for a place to hide - see’s Jael - asked to come into her tent -

1)at first he is very polite - please can you give me some water to drink

D)Friends, that’s what the old sin nature always says “Give me a little something to satisfy me—

Just one quick look, one short take, just one wrong thought, just one more time.

A)I’m thirsty, and if you satisfy me, I won’t bug you anymore.”

B)But we’ve discovered lust is like a fire. The more you feed it,

1)the more it demands and the hotter it gets.

C)That is why Trying to appease your flesh - try to satisfy Sisera, never works

1)The flesh is never satisfied

D)He’ll demand more and more, and his lusts will burn hotter and hotter within your heart.

What happens in this story presents and interesting and powerful picture for us - battle the flesh

A) Sisera wanted water. What did Jael give him? A jug of milk.

B) Ever had warm milk when your thirsty? - Like cotton in your mouth

C) Don't miss the spiritual significance of this: 1 Peter 2:2 - We are told to Like newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, the profound simplicity of the Scriptures" (see 1 Peter 2:2).

D) We combat the flesh with the Word of God -

Instead of seeking to satisfy the flesh when it rears its ugly head - we throw the word of God at it.

A) We stand on the word.

B) What happens next is interesting: Sisera goes from asking nicely and politely for a drink of water -
1) to demanding

C) Stand at the door of the tent and hide me - and if anyone asks you if you have seen me
1) lie and tell them you haven't.

D) And that's what our old sin nature says to you and me: "Hide your sin. Cover it up."
1) Don't let anyone know I'm here."

What Jael does next is amazing:

A) Sisera thinking he is safe - takes a little nap -

B) And while he is asleep - Jael takes a tent peg and a hammer
1) She drives it right through his head - talk about a splitting headache

C) Talk about nailing the old man

Guys that is how we apply the Truth of Romans 6

A) Then Old man has been nailed to the cross with Jesus - I am free - I am no longer under his power

B) Apply the Cross - Apply the Resurrection - I am alive in Christ - His power is now in me

C) I am not listening to the old man anymore - I am going to present myself to God.

The Key to Power over Sin!

- Recognize: Dead to sin - the old sin nature has been rendered inactive
- Reckon it to be so: Believe what is yours in Christ.

Resolve: Live like someone who has been set free.