

## How the Gospel Transforms Us Part 2

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### 1. Romans 6:19-23

#### a) What is sin?

- *Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.* Sin is here defined in relation to God and his moral law. Sin includes not only individual *acts* such as stealing or lying or committing murder, but also *attitudes* that are contrary to the attitudes God requires of us...but also in our *moral nature*. Our very nature, the internal character that is the essence of who we are as persons, can also be sinful.

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#### b) How did we present our members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness?

#### c) Just as, so now... how do we present who we are and what we do as slaves to righteousness?

### 2. Analogy from Marriage

#### a) Romans 7:1-6

- We are released from slavery to sin under the law.
- Our death in Christ unites us to him and is for the purpose of bearing fruit for God.

### 3. The Law and Sin

#### a) Romans 7:7-13

- How does the Law awaken sin?
- Evangelism
  - **Romans 2:15** <sup>15</sup> They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

### 4. Inner conflict

#### a) Romans 7:14-25

- Sin is not completely gone from our walk.
- **1 John 1:8-10** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
- Not what will deliver me? but WHO...

### 5. Life in the Spirit

#### a) Romans 8:1-17

- It is important to understand the trinity at this point
  - *God eternally exists as three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God, and there is one God.*

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- We do not have an active power from God, or the loser in a tri-theistic game of drawing straws to see who would have to babysit the sinners. We have The Holy Spirit who is God Himself indwelling us if we are in Christ. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”
- What has God accomplished?

#### a) Striving for Holiness in the flesh.

b) Passive and Active.

- **Colossians 1:29** <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
- Sanctification then is a finished work for God and an ongoing work for us. Gospel.
- **Hebrews 12:1-4** <sup>ESV</sup> **Hebrews 12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

2. **Romans 8:18-30**

- We have a great hope in Christ.
    - Our hope is like betting on the laws of Nature.
  - <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
  - The Spirit helps us in our weakness
    - This is the idea of lending a hand “**Luke 10:40** <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to *help me*.”
2. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,<sup>1</sup> for those who are called according to his purpose.
3. How the Gospel transforms us?
- a) Completely and utterly in every respect, past, *present*, and future.
- From Death to life, slavery to freedom, flesh to spirit, external regulations to internal desires, old man to new creature, hypocritical self help legalism to simple increasing faith...
- b) Think about this final passage in the context of living on mission in every aspect of your life, or presenting who you are and what you do as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.
4. **Romans 8:31-39** <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be<sup>1</sup> against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.<sup>1</sup> <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things

present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.