

- 2) You are not to fight or oppose the sin nature in your own strength. Rather, based on the fact that you are dead to it, you are to not \_\_\_\_\_ to its stimulations. In relation to the sin nature, you are dead. Believe it.
2. Romans 6:13a – Paul went on to clarify the previous thought. ...*do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness*. *Members* means parts. By faith you are to stop presenting the parts of your body to the sin nature as \_\_\_\_\_ or weapons for unrighteousness.
3. Romans 6:13b – Instead \_\_\_\_\_ *yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God*.
  - a. The verb *present* (PARISTEMI) means to come up close to and stand by. PARISTEMI as a compound word is derived from PARA meaning “close beside” and HISTEMI meaning “to \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - b. This word could be used to describe a military unit standing at attention. In the military, soldiers voluntarily present themselves, armed and ready, waiting for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Based on your new life together with Christ, you are to by \_\_\_\_\_, not by human effort, present your members to God as His tools for righteousness.
  - d. Some Bibles translate *present* as *yield*, but to yield conveys a different concept. It is not the best English translation of the \_\_\_\_\_ word PARISTEMI. To yield implies restraining yourself rather than offering yourself. Romans 12:1-2
4. Romans 6:14a – *For sin shall not be master over you for you are not under law...* In other words, if you were living under law, sin \_\_\_\_\_ be your master. Legalism actually makes you a slave to the sin nature. Laws and rules encourage, rather than discourage, sin. Romans 7:5
5. Romans 6:14b – *For sin shall not be master over you for you are ...under grace*. Life under \_\_\_\_\_ is superior. God’s grace keeps you from becoming a slave to the sin nature. Grace is God’s power to change our lives. Live by grace and the sin nature will not be your master. Titus 2:11

### C. Romans 6:15-18 – Who is your master?

1. Romans 6:15-16 – We need to understand the destructive consequences of living \_\_\_\_\_ the sin nature as a master.
  - a. Romans 6:15a – *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?* Since we are under grace, why not keep sinning? Most people think grace leads to sin. They think the way to keep from sinning is through \_\_\_\_\_ and regulations.
  - b. Romans 6:15b – Paul’s answer was, “*May it never be!*” Just because you are not under law, does not mean you are free to sin. Paul did not \_\_\_\_\_ that Christians should sin.
  - c. Romans 6:16a – *Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are \_\_\_\_\_ of the one whom you obey?*
    - 1) Here Paul gave a second reason why Christians should not sin: *you are slaves of the one whom you \_\_\_\_\_*.

- 2) All \_\_\_\_\_ on earth, both believers and unbelievers, are slaves.
    - a) Unsaved people have \_\_\_\_\_ choice who their master will be. They are trapped in slavery to their sin nature.
    - b) Christians can \_\_\_\_\_ whose slaves they will be. This is a critical truth.
  - 3) As a Christian, you become a slave to the one to whom you present yourself. At any given moment, you are either a slave of God, resulting in righteousness, or a slave of the sin nature, resulting in \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 6:7-8
  - 4) The \_\_\_\_\_ or failure of your Christian life depends on whether or not you count yourself dead to sin and alive unto God and present your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
- d. Romans 6:16b – *...either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?* You become a slave of the one to whom you \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.
- 1) The two masters presented here parallel Galatians 5:16-25 in which the sin nature and the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ for control over you. Matthew 6:24
  - 2) If you present yourself to the indwelling sin nature, you will, without exception, reap a \_\_\_\_\_ of death. Romans 6:21, Galatians 6:8a
  - 3) But if you present yourself to the indwelling Holy \_\_\_\_\_, the result will be righteousness. Romans 6:22, Galatians 6:8b
2. Romans 6:17-18 – The only way to stop sinning is to, by faith, \_\_\_\_\_ the truths taught in this chapter.
- a. Romans 6:17 – *But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed...* Although the Roman believers had been slaves to their sin nature, they were beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ freedom by living according to these identification truths.
  - b. Romans 6:18 – *And having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.* The Roman believers must not only have understood their freedom from \_\_\_\_\_, but they obviously also counted on it by faith, because Paul said they *became slaves of righteousness*.

#### **D. Romans 6:19-23 – Sanctification made simple**

1. Romans 6:19 – Before you were a believer, you eagerly presented your physical body to the sin nature. Now if you likewise present your members to the Lord, the \_\_\_\_\_ will be sanctification, the process of becoming more Christ-like.
  - a. Romans 6:19a – *I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh.* We tend to complicate the Christian life, but Paul wanted to make this \_\_\_\_\_ as easily understood as possible. 2 Corinthians 11:3

- b. Romans 6:19b – *For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness...* Before you were saved, you went about presenting your body \_\_\_\_\_ (hands, eyes, feet, mind, etc.) to the sin nature to commit acts of sin. This resulted in more and more evil in your life.
  - c. Romans 6:19c – *...so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.* In the same way you used to present your body parts to the sin nature, \_\_\_\_\_ them now to God and you will grow to be more and more like Christ.
- 2. Romans 6:20 – *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.* When you were still unsaved, you were totally free from doing what was \_\_\_\_\_. You did not care at all about God.
- 3. Romans 6:21 – *Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.* Your slavery to the sin nature earned you nothing but failure, \_\_\_\_\_ and death.
- 4. Romans 6:22a – *But now having been freed from sin...* Through God's work of identifying you with Christ in his death and resurrection, you have been freed from the \_\_\_\_\_ evil master, the sin nature. Galatians 5:1
- 5. Romans 6:22b – *...and enslaved to God...* As a \_\_\_\_\_ of God and believer in Jesus Christ, God is your new master and Lord. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- 6. Romans 6:22c – *...you derive your benefit resulting in sanctification...* As you present yourself to the Lord, you begin to \_\_\_\_\_ righteously, and practically speaking, you tap into God's power over sin in your life.
- 7. Romans 6:22e – *...and the outcome, eternal life...* Eternal life is both a quantity of \_\_\_\_\_ (unending) and also a quality of life (abundant). John 17:3
  - a. Although \_\_\_\_\_ believer has *eternal life* as a permanent possession, in this verse Paul spoke of our *eternal life* as the quality of life the believer enjoys as a result of *having been freed from sin and enslaved to God*.
  - b. *Eternal life* is not merely unending life to possess, it is also a quality of \_\_\_\_\_ to experience. This is the abundant life Christ promised. You can start truly living at this very moment. John 10:10b, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:3-4, 1 Timothy 6:12, 2 Timothy 1:10
- 8. Romans 6:23 – *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* So, what will it be for you, \_\_\_\_\_ or death?
  - a. We often use Romans 6:23 when we share the gospel, but the actual \_\_\_\_\_ concerns the harvest we receive from the master to whom we present ourselves as believers.
  - b. In the Christian life, the result of presenting yourself in slavery to the sin nature is a breach of fellowship with God, or a type of fellowship \_\_\_\_\_. This does not mean you lose your salvation, but you sure lose your joy. 1 John 1:6

- c. Conversely, the result of presenting yourself to God, based on your position in Christ of being dead to sin and alive to God, is enjoyment of both eternal and \_\_\_\_\_ life. Are you living this amazing eternal life today? John 17:3, 1 John 1:3b-4

## VIII. Romans 7:1-25 – The Doctrine of Sanctification - Your New Relationship to the Law

### A. Defining terms

1. **Death** – When you see the word \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture, you must determine its meaning.
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ term for death does not mean cessation of existence or annihilation.
  - b. The concept of death in the Bible normally conveys a \_\_\_\_\_ of separation.
    - 1) **Physical death** is the separation of the spirit and soul from the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 5:5). The Bible teaches that even after physical death, the soul and spirit continue to live. Luke 16:22-23, 23:43; Philippians 1:21-26
    - 2) **Spiritual death** is the separation of body, soul and spirit from \_\_\_\_\_, the Source and Giver of life.
      - a) All people are born in this condition of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 2:17; John 3:3-5; Ephesians 2:1, 5
      - b) In order to be made \_\_\_\_\_ to God, people need to be born again into God's family. Ephesians 2:5-6, Colossians 2:13
    - 3) **Eternal death**, also called the \_\_\_\_\_ death, is separation from God for eternity in the Lake of Fire. Revelation 20:11-15
    - 4) **Fellowship death** is a \_\_\_\_\_ in communication with God or other believers. This is also called temporal death. 1 Timothy 5:6, Revelation 3:1
      - a) This is a temporary condition that does not nullify one's legal status of acceptance before God, but it does \_\_\_\_\_ one's fellowship with God.
      - b) Carnality, legalism and worldliness all \_\_\_\_\_ believers to this spiritual malady.
2. **Law** – When you see the word \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible, you must determine its meaning.
  - a. Law can refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ or societal laws that govern all human societies. Romans 7:2; Daniel 6:8, 15
  - b. Law can mean a principle found in nature or in \_\_\_\_\_. The law of gravity is an example of a natural law. Romans 8:2
  - c. Law can refer to the Old Testament scriptures in general, it can also refer to the more than 600 Old Testament laws, or even more specifically it can refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandments. Luke 16:16-17