

## CHAPTER 6

**W**HAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up 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 planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ,

we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CHAPTER 7

**K**NOW ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

7. What shall we say then? *Is* the

law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.

9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

## CHAPTER 8

**T**HERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after

the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10. And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the mani-

festation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

26. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh

intercession for the saints according to *the will* of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

29. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31. What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or

famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

There is a desperate need in the church today for pastors and teachers to emphasize practical holy living in the life of believers. Every person who is truly born-again lives in Romans 5, but few progress into chapters 6 and 8! It is essential that we understand the meaning of sanctification. If we are to have a complete Christian life, we should not only understand it, but live it ourselves. “Sanctified” is a term, broadly misunderstood, which simply means “to set apart.” The tabernacle and its furnishings were sanctified, set apart, for the use of God. The wood, cloth, metal, and other materials were not, of themselves, holy, but they were set apart to God. In John 17:19 Jesus said, “I sanctify myself.” Certainly the holy Son of God had no need to be made more holy than He was. What He means is simply that He set Himself apart to serve God, and would, through their salvation, set believers apart to the glory of God. Sanctification in Scripture is three-fold: (1) Positional—the Christian is taken out of the world and seated with Christ (John 17:16). (2) Practical—the day by day victory over sin and the gradual increase in holiness and Christ-likeness. (3) Perfect—we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Unless we keep the message of chapter 6 separated from that of chapter 7, we will confuse Paul’s message and lose a great blessing. Chapter 7 presents a deeper problem than that of chapter 6. Every Christian realizes the problem of chapter 6—that his fleshly nature drags him down and tries to enslave him. But not many Christians have entered into the experiences of chapter 7—the humbling realization that we are not good!

We should recognize three key words in chapter 6—know, reckon, and yield. We must know our spiritual position and privileges in Christ. This means spending time in God’s Holy Word. We must reckon

that what God says about us is true. We are born of the Spirit and, because of that fact, we have available to us many privileges and much power in Christ Jesus. We must have faith in the fact that we do have these things available to us in Christ Jesus. Finally, we must yield all to the Spirit; not just once a week or at the beginning of each new day, but every moment of every day. This is truly walking in the Spirit. God has already done His part. Our responsibilities are very clear—know, reckon and yield.

Chapter 8 is one of my favorite chapters. Paul is looking to that future time when we shall be together with Christ throughout eternity and says, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (verse 18). Then, in verses 28 and 29, he tells us that “All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” If we, as Christians, would realize that Satan only has access to us by God’s permission, then we could rejoice in these verses. If we are children of God, Satan can only do to us that which God allows! Remember the story of Job—how Satan had to get permission to touch him! Friends, God loves us and does not want any harm to come to us. Yet, many times He allows troubles and trials to be used as instruments to conform us to the image of His Son.

Finally, verses 38 and 39 contain a great promise to all Christians: “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Believe these verses! When we

can believe them in their entirety, with all fears of the future laid in the hands of Christ, we will know the peace that passes all understanding.

### PROVERB FOR TODAY

“The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head” (Proverbs 20:29).

### TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 38:** For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 9.

### BON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**1881**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF POPE JOHN XXIII.**

**1748**

**ISAAC WATTS DIED.**

**1835**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF ANDREW CARNEGIE.**

**1948**

**THE DAY OF THE ORDINATION OF DR. BOB GRAY.**

**1688**

**THE DATE OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY.**

About this season of the year, we come to Thanksgiving Day. At every Thanksgiving I think of the story in Luke 17, of the ten lepers who were healed. Only one came back to thank Jesus for it and Jesus asked, “Where are the nine?” Probably in our day this is the same ratio of those who come to say, “Thank you, Jesus.”

Thousands of families and millions of people will go through Thanksgiving Day without even saying one prayer to God. Let us pause to count our blessings, to thank God for His Goodness, to praise Him for His care for us this past year. Let us quote together the first five verses of the famous 103rd Psalm: *“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases: Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”*

Now sing the song, “Count Your Blessings,” and give a testimony of God’s goodness to you.

**1914**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF MY MOTHER, RUTH L. HARRIS.**

I love to think about and tell the story of how my mother and father got together. She was a 12-year-old farm girl in rural Ohio. He was a teenager who just a year or two earlier had run away from home in Tennessee and rode a freight train north to seek work. He rented a room and board at her family’s house, and on Sunday nights, after a week of hard work, he would go out with his friends. He would always dress up in patent leather shoes. My mother has told me that was the first thing about my dad that she fell in love with—his patent leather shoes.

Two years later—when she was 14 and he was 21—they were married, and lived happily ever after—staying together for 47 years, until my father went to heaven in 1975. I had the great joy of seeing both my mother and father get saved in 1973. After my dad’s death, my mother was very active, and a faithful member of her local church. She went to be with the Lord in 2004. I thank the Lord so much for my mother! He gave her good health, a fruitful life of service to Him, and a blessed hope and glorious expectation of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ—when she will be united with her beloved husband, in the presence of the Lord, for all eternity! Heaven is a place of blessed reunions. Praise His Holy Name!

### ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

**1841**

Thirty-five Amistad survivors returned to Africa.

**1949**

Death of dancer Luther (“Bill”) Robinson (71).

Ralph J. Bunche received the Spingarn Medal for his contributions to the Myrdal study and his achievements as UN mediator of the Palestine conflict.

CORE chapter pressed sit-in campaign designed to end segregation in downtown facilities in St. Louis.

**1955**

Interstate Commerce Commission banned segregation in buses and waiting rooms involved in interstate travel.

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# The Story of the Psalms

## PSALMS 120—134

### PSALMS 120-134

**AUTHORS: Mainly David and Solomon**

#### **THE STORY BEHIND THESE PSALMS:**

These are called “Psalms of ascension.” They were basically travel Psalms. They were used specifically for the three annual feasts. As the Jews would march to Jerusalem for the feast, they would sing these Psalms of ascension. From anywhere in the promised land, it was always “up” to Jerusalem, for Jerusalem was the highest point in the land. So as the people would ascend to Jerusalem, they would sing these songs one after another.

When they arrived at Jerusalem, they would go to the temple. These Psalms were sung on the steps of the temple. Psalm 120 would be sung on the first step, Psalm 121 on the second step, etc. until each Psalm had been sung. Since these were sung going up the steps, they were called “Psalms of ascension.” As they are read it should be kept in mind that these were travelers going to the holy city for a feast. Read carefully Psalm 128 and imagine a great group of pilgrims journeying for a time of worship in the beloved city.

#### **THE WAY THEY WERE USED BY GOD’S PEOPLE:**

Not only were they used for trips to the feasts and to Jerusalem, these were Psalms used for any journey. What a tremendous thing it would be for a Christian family to claim Psalm 128 as they leave on vacation or for a Christian businessman to claim its promises as he leaves for a business trip! In these days of advanced travel, these Psalms should be used over and over again as we journey to and fro.



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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:**

**Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.**

**E. A WARNING TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THIS WORLD ONLY, AND CARE NOT FOR THE WORLD TO COME**

(Assignment 38)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

(     ) Luke 12:15

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

(     ) Luke 12:19

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

(     ) Luke 12:20

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

(     ) Luke 12:21

So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.

(     ) Luke 16:25

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.