

Yeilding Yourself to God

Romans 6:11-14

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.

I reckon I should yield!

It is one thing to know the facts, but another thing to live them out! Our faith demands more than mental ascent to the truth of the gospel. We must trust the gospel enough to personally apply its effect in our everyday lives. To “reckon” is to “do the math” and trust the outcome. When we trust it enough, we will submit (yeild) to Christ’s life in us rather than to the old man of sin!

THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?

Part 1—You Can Count On It

Read Romans 6:5-6, 11; Romans 4:5; Philippians 3:13-14

- 1) What do we know we can count on (reckon)? And what does God reckon (count) for us?
- 2) According to Philippians 3 what did Paul NOT “count” on, and how is this different than his reckoning in Romans 6?
- 3) Why do you suppose it is often difficult for Christians to “count on” the gospel in everyday living?

Part 2—Who’s In Charge Here?

Read Romans 6:12; Romans 5:12-14, 21; Ephesians 2:2-10

- 1) Why does sin naturally reign in our lives?
- 2) According to Ephesians 2 by what means does sin reign over us in our natural state?
- 3) Do you feel like you have the authority/power to refuse sin? Why or why not?

Part 3—Offering Yourself

Read Romans 6:13; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- 1) To yield is to offer yourself to another. What is the clear choice we have according to this verse?
- 2) According to 1 Corinthians 6 why is it the most logical to glorify God with our bodies?
- 3) Have you ever offered (dedicated) yourself to the Lord? When? Have you renewed this offer recently?

Part 4—A New Principle To Live By

Read Romans 6:14; Romans 5:20-21; Romans 4:4

- 1) How would you describe the two principles referenced in this verse (Law and Grace)?
- 2) How does Romans 4:4 describe the motive/principle of a person working to achieve righteousness?
- 3) How does grace enable you to live a moral and righteous life as a Christian, and how does “yielding” play into this practically?