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Time: 6:00 to 7:00 am Saturday

TEXT: *Romans 6: 11-14 “Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace*

THEME: *Grace and Sin -Part 2*

INTRODUCTION: The issue of God’s Grace and sin in a believer (a saint) is a point of confusion to many people in the church today. It has caused unnecessary division and misunderstanding among brethren in the body of Christ. Many people are in a dilemma. Because of this, I have dedicated four weeks of teaching in a series on Radio program about Grace and Sin. Today is the second in the series. As usual my basis of teaching is on Scripture.

Last Saturday I tackled the genesis of both Sin and Grace. I said that Sin begun in the Garden of Eden when the first couple went against the instruction given to them by God. As a result of disobedience, man died and was separated from God as follows:

- (i) **Losing his relationship and fellowship with God-**
He was thrown out from the Garden of Eden

- (ii) **Losing his dominion** - Position of rulership slipped over to the devil
- (iii) **Losing righteousness** - He became naturally prone to evil, nakedness and shame.

NB: To sum these up, though man still lived physically and propagated, He was spiritually dead and separate from God. This implied that the destination of man was the same as the destination of the rebellious Angels (Satan and demons); that is the lake of fire.

For man to be restored to God's intended purpose for man, **reconciliation** was the prerequisite. The reconciliation must take place without undermining any of God's "**Character**" and Man's nature as an "**image**" of God.

God's Character:

- (i) Merciful and Compassionate; God tenderhearted Father
- (ii) God of Justice - accurate judgment
- (iii) Holy and flawless God

Man in the image of God:

- (i) Man has a will-power for choice
- (ii) Man has intellect - mind power to assess and articulate issues
- (iii) Emotions- feelings

God's Grace: The Reconciliation process was initiated by God through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ. He came to pay for human Sin and Satisfy God's Justice.

2Corinthians 5:18-19, Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Jesus' death in cross met the full demand of God's Justice. Jesus Christ become a **ransom** who was given out to free man who was a **hostage** to the devil (**Timothy 2:5-6**) **For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all**

Mark 10:45 **"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."**

Although God has extended a hand of reconciliation to all mankind, it is not automatic that every one benefits, but those who exercise their God given attribute of **"free will"** to choose it. **"BELIEVE" AND "CONFESS" IT,**

Romans 10:9-10. that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Even the **faith** that leads to **"believing"** and **"courage"** that leads to **"declaration that Jesus in my Lord"** comes by God's Grace.

Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast

When a sinner believes by faith and confesses Jesus as Lord and savior, He or She is born again. This implies the following:-

1.All sins are forgiven and charges dropped instantly.

He is declared righteous, justified, and therefore a saint.

2 Corinthians 5:21 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2.He is transferred from the government of the devil into the government of God. **Colossians 1:13. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

A BELIEVER'S WALK IN CHRIST:

Does a believer in Christ (a saint) sin? The answer is “**yes**”; Believers or saints do sin. **1 John 1:8-9. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all our righteousness.**

Are saints (Believers) sinners? **The answer is “no”; they are counted righteous.** They are wearing the righteousness of God

To be able to understand this, let us look at the composition of man.

Man is made of three main components as given below:-

Mortal body or the flesh: The body or the flesh is corrupted beyond repair. Even if Christ comes now, a living believer will be given a new body and the dead ones will rise up in new body.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53 , Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

The Soul: This is the invisible eternal component of man. This is the component made in God’s image; it has the will, intellect and emotions. Just like the soul is in the body, the Spirit of man dwells in the Soul.

The Spirit: The spirit, sometimes referred to as heart of man, is the core of man and is contained in the soul. When the gospel is preached to unbeliever, the Holy Spirit knocks at the spirit of man (Heart) trying to convict it of sin and the solution which is Jesus Christ. When man opens and makes confession, the Holy Spirit dwells in the Spirit of a believer.

The Soul, in which the Holy Spirit dwells in its core, the spirit of man, is said to be “**ALIVE**” whereas the soul where there is no Holy Spirit dwelling in the Spirit of man, is said to be **DEAD**.

The Holy Spirit in man helps him to accomplish the following:-

- 1) Activate the man's conscience against sin **John 16:8**,
"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
- 2) To help deal with man's weakness **Roman's 8:26**
In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words
- 3) A down payment, seal or guarantee that the person is accepted and is headed for eternity with God
Ephesians 1:13; 4:30.
In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation -having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The living soul will continue experiencing stiff opposition from the sinful nature known as the **Flesh**, the **World** and the **Devil**.

Galatians 5:16-21, But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 7:18-21, For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me-----

How does Man live pure? First by grace, God has provided Jesus Christ as an advocate; a defense attorney on the right hand side. From accession of Jesus Christ to rapture of the church, Christ has assumed a right hand position in the presence of God as an intercessor and an advocate for those saints who may sin.

1John 2:1. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous and Hebrews 7:25 “but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The devil, an enemy of God and man is ever pressing charges against a believer with the intention to destroy him or her Revelation 12: 10 ***“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night***

However, a believer has a part to play regarding staying free from sin as follows:-

1) To acknowledge his sin and repent **1John 1:8-9** *If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2) To present the members of the mortal body to Christ to be transformed for righteousness Romans 6:15, or to crucify the flesh **Galatians 5:24**, *Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

Romans 6:6, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

It is the responsibility of a believer (a saint) to crucify the flesh and present it to Lord as an instrument of righteousness.

Let me illustrate this by use of the eyes, ears and mind: For example, a believer may voluntarily choose to watch a blue movie or read pornographic material secretly, claiming that they are no longer under the law of “**Dos**” and “**Don’ts**”. The images are transmitted into the brain (mind) and the sexual lust is automatically aroused and mortal body with all its systems are heated up putting considerable strain on a believer, and with time and amidst a great battle in the mind, the believer succumbs to sexual sin which is against God’s instruction. **1Corinthians 6:18-20. Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.**

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body

In this case a believer has not been responsible in the use of his faculties, (eyes, ears and mind) and has given the devil lucrative opportunity to wreck havoc.

Whereas the best way is to avoid situations that can easily excite the enemy within and the enemy around that are the mortal body and the World respectively (***Psalms 119:37***). ***Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, And revive me in Your ways.***

The Holy men of the past such as Job were quite keen in proper usage of the members of their body ***Job 31:1***. ***"I have made a covenant with my eyes; How then could I gaze at a virgin?"***

The ears and the eyes are entry points to the mind, which is the battle field. It is the responsibility of a believer to restrain the mind from evil ***2Corinthians 10:5***. ***We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ***

The Big question is that, "how do we account for rampant sin among the so called born again?"

It is very simple: There two explanations to this:

(i) The so called believer in the church may not have been an elect of God. He or she is in the visible physical church but not the universal invisible church. In that he or she has no revelation of salvation but is simply religious ***Mathew 7: 21-23***, ***Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.***

"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?"

"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Not every one who is a member of a church is born again. God knows His, and the devil also knows his. Those who are not of God will do anything dictated by the mortal body.

(ii) A believer may be truly called and is born again. However, because of misuse of freedom, free will, external pressure and lack of wisdom, succumbs to sin energy. Some one is said to be under sin energy if the power of a particular sin is stronger than their will power. There are several causes for this and will be considered special next Saturday, Amen!

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