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## ROMANS - LESSON #11 ARE YOU BATTLING A CERTAIN SIN IN YOUR LIFE?

Rom. 5: 12-21; 6: 1-15

We are going to finish the 5th chapter of Romans and move into the 6th chapter. We'll begin at V. 12. I generally follow the KJV and if you have it, that's fine but the language, the old language of the KJV in these verses is not totally clear, so I'm gonna read this section and expound it from the excellant New American Standard Version, which is the most accurate translation there is, from the original Greek. More accurate than the New International Version.

V. 12 (read) 'through one man (that was Adam) all sin (that is, all sin in Adam). Now someone has said 'this is unfair'. No, it is not unfair at all. If you and I, individually, had been put to the test, we would not have done any better than that. But had you thought of the wisdom of God? By condemning the entire human race, through the disobedience of man, God is able to redeem every human being in the world through one man, the man Christ Jesus.

Do you realize that fallen angels cannot be saved? Why? Because they are not a part of a race. Only the offsprings of Adam can be saved and those who deny that sin goes back to Adam deny the plain teaching of Scrip.

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This is denied throughout most of the Protestant world today. Saying that sin is just a personal and that we're sinners because we sin but just as Rom. 3: 23 said 'all have sinned (it's a past tense) all sinned in Adam' and the same Truth is stated in V. 12. So Death spread to all men because all sinned in Adam.

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- V. 13 (read) I illustrate this by the speed laws in this country. <u>Fifty years you travelled</u> a hundred miles an hour on the roads of Arkansas and you would not have broken any law; there was no speed law. Where there is no law, of course, there can be no transgression of the law. That is very patently obvious.
- V. 14 (read) even though there was no law from Adam until Moses, sin was a reality. Sin brings death and so he says 'death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who have not sinned

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V. 15 (read) in verses 15 through 21, we have a contrast between the FIRST Adam and the LAST Adam. Showing how the last Adam, Jesus, has cancelled and triumphed over the transgression of the first Adam and indeed, has more than made up for the loss of Adam. This is our hope! This IS our hope. But the free gift is not like the transgression, V. 15: 'for if the transgression of the one, the many (and the many means the whole human race) the whole human race died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace by the One man, Jes. Christ, abound the many.' I think this is clear. Certainly in the New American Standard Version.

V. 16/(read) 'and the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned, for on the one hand, the judgment arose from one transgression, resulting in condemnation. But on the other hand, the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification; for if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life, through the One, JC.' Paul is speaking of two kings and two kingdoms. He speaks of the kingdom of Adam. Adam was over the old creation - the whole thing. He was reigning over it.

He sinned and he lost his kingship. Jesus reigns over the new creation and though, Adam lost his kingship; in Christ we are kings and we are priests and he says 'we reign in life, through Jes. Christ. Now this, of course, is a Spiritual reign, in this dispensation. One day, it will be absolutely literal. The people of God will rule and reign was a thousand

years and for all eternity, with the great King. Jes, having conquored sin and Jes., having purchased back the rights that were forfeited, by the first Adam.

V. 21 (read). Now we come to Chapter 6 but it was not Chapter 6, when the Apostle wrote it. It did not become Chapter 6 until 1455, when a man put it in chapters 表数数 for us and we stephenas very grateful to 多数数数数数 in doing it for us. But if you continue the thought, you just move right from Chap. 5 into Chap. 6. Now in Chap. 5 he said 'where sin abounded, Grace did much more abount'. And so there were those in that day, as there are in this Day, who say 'oh, yes, where sin abounds, Grace does much more abound' and so if this is true, logically, the more we sin, the more Grace abounds and so we're justified in sinning.

And Paul answers this heresy. This is called 'antinomeanism(?)' that is, the doctrine that we are not subject to the moral law of God and we're not suppowed to live rightously; that we can live any way we want to, if we're saved by the Grace of God! The people who teach this do not understand Grace and they do not understand what Grace does in our hearts. So Paul deals with this question in the following words, which was really his continuing treatment of this subject of sin and victory over sin. He says in Chap. 6 and

- V. 1 (read) 'shall we continue to practice sin' and I'll go back to the KJV. There's a few things that we'll point out, but it's clear enough in the KJV, and most of you are using it.
- V. 2 (read) 'God forbid (or perish the thought) the New English Bible says 'no, no'. And To say that's a no, no! INEXTAXEN that we sin because we're saved by Grace or because God is so

gracious. That, indeed, is a heresy and that is a misunderstanding of Gods Grace in our heart and what it does to us. Latter part of V. 2: 'how shall we, that are dead (it really is a past tense and it's very important that you recognize that it's a past tense) how shall we, who died to sin, live any longer therein?' Now he's just stating the Xtn experience. He says 'we who are Xtns, died to sin in the past'. When did we die to sin in the past? When we truly repented and trusted Christ.

In His death, we died, once and for all, to sin. In His resurrection, we arose, once for all, unto life. Now you need to understand this. It's not something you feel; if Scrip. didn't tell us this, we wouldn't know it. It's a fact, though, if you are saved, when you became saved, you died to sin, even as Christ died to sin and you arose to live in newness of life. We ought to put this in our head and never forget it. Now having said this, in V. 3, 4 &5 he gives a visual aid to understand water baptism. But he really is speaking about Spirit baptism, symbolized by immersion baptism. He says in

V. 3

XX (read) well, how are we baptized into Jes. Ch.? Well, we're not baptized by water into

JC - that but symbolizes the baptism into JC. How are we baptized into JC? Through the H.S.

Here is the real baptism of the H. S. Here it is! We hear a lot of talk about it today.

Many confuse this with the infilling of the H. S. When we receive Christ, the H. S. places

us IN Christ, removing us from the old environments of death in Adam into the new environment

of life and resurrection in Christ! Now he goes on to say

It's one of the most marvelous things in the world is true spirit baptism. Which is the status and the position of every believer. This is the real baptism of the H. S. Not hard to understand it, if we follow the Scrip. and we don't follow some idea of man. Now he goes on to say

V. 4(read) 'therefore we WERE buried (that's past tense, you see, because it's looking back to the time that the believer is justified and truly saved). He is saying that when we came to Christ, that we died to sin in Christ and we arose in Christ to walk in newness of life.

V. 5(read) the word there 'planted' is really 'grafted together' in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection. Now this is just the normal Xtn life. This is what happens to a Xtn.

V. 6 (read) 'our old man WAS crucified with Him'. What is the old man? The old unregenerate nature. He goes on to say 'that the body (the body is not sinful but it is the avenue through which sin enters into us) under the dominion of sin (is what he's saying) might be destroyed (or might be rendered powerless) that henceforth we should not serve sin'.

V. 7 (read) if you're reading a revision and it's translated, literally, from the Greek, it says 'justified' and the word IS justified. But it is teaching this thing of being dead to sin and free from the power or the dominion of sin. Now let me pause here - we who have come to Christ are dead to sin and we're alive in His resurrection. Now that does not mean that sin cannot entice us. And that does not mean that we cannot yield to sin. It does not mean that anybody is sinlessly perfect. There has never been yet ONE - not even Paul, who was sinlessly perfect! But it DOES mean something that is tremendously important, which should not be explained away.

We have the power mat to say

When we're saved, it does not mean that we can't sin, but it does mean that we have the power NOT to sin and we have the option ALWAYS of victory over sin. We ought never to opt on the other side. Even if we are weak, and we continue to sin, we ought to opt for victory over sin. Because the moment we opt for a life of sin, we're gonna find ourselves defeated in sin. But when we opt on the side of death to sin and the resurrection, then we're gonna find ourselves more and more, living in victory over sin and drawing upon the victory of Christs' death and resurrection in our lives.

He says 'we're dead'. Let me illustrate it like this: take an alcoholic. As long as the alcoholic is alive, you just open a bottle of liquor and it'll inflame his appitite. But then you let that alcoholic die and become a corpse, he is not enticed at all with the smell of

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alcohol. He is a corpse. Now Paul is looking upon us in Christ as a corpse to sin. We do not have to say 'yes' to sin. In Christ, we can say 'no' to sin. Because when He died on the cross, He did a total job. He took every sin and He defeated every sin. And in His resurrection, He gained a victory for His people, over sin. Until the life of the Xtn should be, certainly, one of victory, over sin. Not IN sin, as so many would say and would say 'well, all we can do, you know, is to do the best we can all day long and at night claim 1 John 1:9! That is defeat, my friends, and that is not the Xtn way and that is certainly is not what Paul is teaching.

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You say 'well, I know I'm a Xtn, but if I'm dead to sin I'm the livest dead thing the worlds' ever faced'. Well, now let me share this with you. Here is a Truth that must be worked out in the Xtn life and the Xtn experience. If you've never heard this before, you're about to begin on a tremendous venture. If you've heard it a few times, it has become a part of your psyche and your lifestyle. We need to stay with this Truth. This is the Truth of God. Now we have a lot of people walking around today, saying 'well, I'm dying daily' but that is absolutely unscriptural and they quote 1 Cor. 15: 31 'I die daily'. That has nothing to do with our Spiritual death to sin.

In the context, Paul is talking about dying physically in Ephesus. He says 'I'm facing physical death daily'. But we have people who don't know their Bible and they quote this all the time 'that every day I've got to die'. NO! We've already died in Christ! We are simply to reckon that victory of His cross. It's not surpression; it's not trying to be a little more Holy; it's not praying; it's not trying to be a little bit better. It's claiming His victory through faith and especially, through the mind, my friends! There is NO sanctification apart from the use of this mind, when we get to V. 11, we will see it. How we need to use the mind in the Xtn life!

For he that is dead is freed from sin'. I read of these two Irishmen, Pat and Mike, the head of a turtle had been cut off and that turtle still just kept moving around, though the

head was cut off. And Pat said 'the turtle is dead' and Mike said 'no, the turtle is not dead. The turtle is still moving around' and about that time 'O'Brian came along and they put the problem to him and said 'what about this?' He said 'well, really the turtle is dead, but he doesn't believe it!' Now this is the way it is with many a believer. We're dead to sin; the victory is ours in Jes. but we don't believe it and many don't know it!

Many have never heard a Biblecal sermon from Rom. 6. We stop with the 5th Chapter of Romans in Evangelical Theology. Evangelism generally stops in the 5th chapter. But not with the true scholars and expositors like BArnhouse and those who go clear through the Book of Romans and give us the entire message and we desperately, as Xtns, need to know what Rom. 6 teaches as well as what it says about justification.

- V. 8 (read) that is absolutely inevitable. Death to sin means resurrection to life and of excourse there is a future living with Him, but in the context he is talking about XMX life;

  That resurrection victory with Christ.
- V. 9 (read) He was raised from the dead once for all and He dies no more. Death has no more dominion over Him.
- V. 10 (read) 'died once for all' and that's true of you and me. We die to sin once and for all'in Christ. Last part of this verse: 'He liveth unto God, once and for all'. Now there are three words that I think will help us and I want to inject them here at this time. Are you battling a certain sin in your life? This is a message to Xtns. Look at the overhead:

tant facts. That in JC, we died to all sin. We're in Him through Spirit baptism. He placed us - the H. S. - placed us in Jes. That is symbolized in immersion baptism. It's realized in Spirit Baptism. At the same time,

We arose with Christ unto Life, or unto victory over sin. Now a better word would

be the word XMMX but I'm justusing 'R's' so we can handle it a little better. Realize or to know. Would we know this if it was not by Divine revelation? No, we would not know this. We don't have to feel this. We just have to believe this as a fact. In our frailty, in our failures, this morning! You say well, that's the most amazing thing I ever heard that when I came to Christ, I died to all sin, because I sin all the time and I'm not really living this victorious life.

Well, the reason you aren't is because you've never seriously faced this Evangelical Truth. Once you begin to see this, and believe it and practice it, your life will be changed and it will be changed in relation to sin. This is Xtn sanctification. Which is a great doctrine. of the Xtn life. And we will never, of course, complete the process, but we certainly, desperately need to enter into it NOW! And so we KNOW that we've been placed into Christ; that in Him we die to all sin and in Him we have pisen to walk in newness of life. Sin + also all But then there's a second thing that Paul says to do: In V. 11(read) 'reckon' and this word 'reckon' is a bookkeeping word. It's the word 'logeesamos'(?) and it means 'to count as an accomplished fact ' just like two plus two is four. He's calling upon them to nail this down in their cranium and as a reality! And I would urge you to nail it down whether you ever heard it or whether you feel it, you are to believe it in your mind. Likewise, reckon (count) as an accomplished fact that 'ye also (he's been talking about Christs' death to sin) that ye, also, yourselves, are dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through JC, our Lord'. There it is! There it is, summed up!

Now the verb 'reckon' is a present imperative verb and that's important that we understand this. Keep on - day by day - every moment that you live, reminging yourself that you've died to sin, in Christ and you arose to walk in newness of life. Bo not let the devil take this from you bo not let your experience in lie ever rob you of this tremendous possession that you have, knowing this in your hind and believing it and reckoning it and saying it and confessing it.

Never confess defeat. Never give in to your sin. Always realize that the victory is there, if

we will appropriate it in JC.

Now there is a THIRD step and that is

#3. To Relinquish. We ought to realize our status in Jes. - Death To Sin - Victory unto Life, through His Resurrection - and then Secondly: To Reckon This Fact, through the thought process. But then he goes on, because Xtnity is very, very practical. It does not remove us from day by day application and involvement in what he's been talking about. So the third step would be to relinquish. Relinquish what? Relinquish the members of our body as we will see in V. 13.

The very parts of our body to serve Him and not sin. and Not satan. But look at

V. 12 (read) do not let sin be king - that's what this word 'reign' means. Don't let it be king in your mortal body. Do you know of any believers where sin is king? How sad it is but it is made sadder when they do not know that they can have victory over it and it is made sadder still when some shallow-head Evangelists comes along/denies this teaching of the Word of God. And keeps the people of God in bondage to sin, when God, in Christ, from the time of regeneration and our Spirit Baptism has placed within our grip, victory over sin! All Sin!

You see if sin reigns, it's got to come through the body - this is where we live. 'That ye should obey it in the lust thereof'.

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V. 13(read) 'neither yield ye your members, as instruments (the word instrument there is a military word. It's the Greek word 'hopla' and it means 'weapon' pr 'tools') but he says to yield yourselves - use your members, the parts of your body - as instruments of -- don't yield them as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield (and this is an exercise verb - it means to yield once for all. Make a decision, don't mess around with it. Decide that you're tonna present your body a living sacrifice (now you've got the same verb in Rom. 12:1 where it says 'I beseech you, therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present (in the original language, that means 'to do it once for all') is to make a decisive surrender of the body. Pon't play around with it; don't mess around with it. Yield your body! Give it over unto God) as those that are alive from the dead (notice) and your members or the parts of your bodies as instruments of righteousness unto God'. How beautiful this is! Look at your body

today. How do we serve God? Through this body. Paul says we are to present our bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God. And he says to make an all out surrender. Not to mess around with it, not to say 'I'll give part of it' or that 'I'll just give it to Him one day a week' but to present that body to Him. Relinquish that body to Him. Relinquish control of it. 'Put it at His disposal' is what the Greek word means. Put your bodies at His disposal.

Break the body down. Look at its individual parts. Look at the tongue. How're we gonna use the tongue? It's one of the greatest instruments unto righteousness this world has ever known. It's used to praise God and to witness and to speak a positive word, but oh, if it is used against our brother and it is used to speak venom, idle chat, it becomes a terrible instrument of unrightousness and that is not what we're redeemed for. We don't have to do it. People who are really living in victory have found a control of the tongue. But in order to do this, you must realize that when Christ died, He died to control your tongue and you don't have to wag it!

And you don't have to talk about others. You don't have to be negative. You can use the tongue as a powerful instrument and when you begin to use it in that way, you'll never want to go back to the Low Road at all! Xtnity is positive! You can take any part of your body - take your eyes. Job says in Job 23 'f've made a covenant with my eyes'. We should be very, very careful what we do with our eyes. Think of our ears. Think of our feet. Think of our stomach. We say we have a weight problem. Not really! It's a Spiritual problem. Christ put glottony - He took it to the cross. He took all of these sins, which are destroying people today; He won the victory over them and in Him, we have victory! Not defeat!

But we have victory. The moment that I believe what the Bible says and I seek with all my soul to believe it and to keep it in my heart, then that opens my life to the marvelous work of the H. S. and I will find myself, even though I may stumble, and I may fall, but I'll come right back and the time will come in my life that I will have a lifestyle of victory. Not defeat! A lifestyle of victory over sin, not giving in to my sin and never condoning it. I don't care what you do; DON'T condone it and don't say 'I had to do it'. Say 'it's wrong; Christ died for it' and

ask His forgiveness right then. Log time with the H. S. You will find yourself living a victorious life over sin. You say 'but you don't understand. Our mother had red hair and I inherited it'. Yeah, and that's of the old creation. When you came to Jes., you were taken out of the old creation, the environment of death in Adam and the H. S. place you into the New Environment of Jes, which is an environment of victory. Not of defeat.

It is Gods will today that I reign in life through Jes. Are you reigning in life or are you being conquored in Life? Nothing is sadder than to see a defeated Xtn. How many Xtns are reigning in Life? Well, I don't know. There certainly are some but the impression I get is that Xtns are about as much under the circumstances as the world! Until I'm afraid the world's not interested in the product we have. But I don't have to tell you that - listen, the world is seeking an answer. As I've never known it to. And the moment that anybody demonstrates in his home, in his business, in his social life that he's reigning in life, I tell you that nobody can deny this!

This is the greatest need in the Xtn church today; is that we might claim our heritage; that we might claim our victory. Because this is our charter. This is our right, not defeat but of victory! Look in

V. 14 (read) sin shall NOT have dominion over you. That is a declarative, indicitive statement. It's not a question! 'For sin Shall NOT have dominion over you' and yet, we have those who believe and those who teach that you have to continually sin and that you have to continually be in bondage until we're glorified in our body. That's a heresy! It's a heresy to teach that a man ever comes to a place that he is sinlessly perfect. But it's a more devastating heresy to teach that we're BOUND under sin. That we're just saved from the penalty of sin but not from the power of sin!

And not from the victory of sin! I notice on bumper stickers some interesting things. Says 'If You Love Jes., Honk'. Well, that doesn't impress me. Anybody can honk. A better one would be 'If You Love Jes., Tithe'. That'd be much better. We live in a superficial age and here's

another one: We Xtns are Not Perfect; We've Just Forgiven'. We are far more than forgiven, my friends. We, indeed, are forgiven, but we're far more than forgiven. We are in Christ. His victory is our victory. His death to sin is our death to sin. His resurrection to life is our resurrection unto life and we ought to realize this; that sin shall not any longer have dominion over you.

'For you are not under law' and this is the way most people are trying to gain victory over sin, is by law. People are simply presented a set of rules; things you -- the Do's and the Don'ts. And what happens is they're just left to feel guilty and they say 'Oh, I'm gonna do better. I'm gonna rededicate my life; I'm gonna do better. Oh, yes, I realize I sin with my tongue. I realize there's lust in my heart. I realize these things and I'm going to do better. I know the commandment says for me to do better' and we have the world FULL of frustrated people who are trying to do better! By the Law and I would think that most churches just preach Law as victory over sin.

If you want a real treatment of this (and you interns I gave that book to you by Louie Drummond, the Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism in Southern Seminary) he deals with the way people try to deal with their sins. Some try to suppress it. That is not Gods answer at all. 'Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the Law, but under grace.' Under Grace! What is he saying? That grace rather than leading us into sin, delivers us FROM sin and gives us the power to live a victorious life above sin. Now the Bible asbolutely teaches eternal salvation, through the grace of God.

But some come along and say 'now, now, this means of course that I'm saved and I'm saved by grace and I can do anything in the world I want to and I'm still saved'. That is NOT the old Calvinist Doctrine at all. God, indeed, preserves His people but His people persevere. How? Through His grace. Through effectual grace in their hearts. And rather than grace being a license to sin, grace is that power NOT to sin and to live in victory, appropriating Christs' victory in our own hearts and in our own lives!

Titus 2: 11, 12 & 13 says (read) 'grace of God that bringeth salvation (and it DOES bring salvation) but it goes on to say 'teaching us (what's teaching us? Grace!) that (denying ungodlines and worldly lusts, we should live righteously and Godly and sober in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and gloriour appearing of our great God and Savior, JC., who gave Himself for us, etc...... Grace NEVER led any man into sin! A man walking around, saying 'well, I'm saved by grace, you know and I never have to go to church and I never have to do anything; that I'm not under law; there's no requirement upon me'.

Listen, he's giving no evidence that grace has ever touched his life. When I was saved by grace, I hated sin. And I remember as a boy, of 9 and 10, I was wrestling with assurance and I said to my father 'daddy, I'm a little concerned' and he asked me one question, he said 'how do you feel about sin'. I said 'I hate sin' and he said 'you're saved'. Our attitude toward sin is one of the most important barometers of our lives and if we tolerate sin and we justify sin and we use the cloak of Grace, we better ask the question if we've ever been SAVED by Grace. Sin shall not have dominion over you, for you're not under Law, but ye are under Grace and in the context he's talking about victory over sin.

You say 'well, you should be able to commit an act of sin.' We've been dealing with the practice of sin. I won't be able to get into this today but in case the Rapture comes, it's too great for me not to share with you. Look there in

V. 15 (read) 'shall we sin? ' And there you have a different form of the Greek. Certainly we're justified in excusing one act of sin because we are under the law, or we're not under the law, but under grace. Perish the thought, he says. He's talking about just one act of sin. That we're even to think in terms of excusing ONE sin in our life, that Christ has atoned for ALL! You say 'but no one is perfect'. That's right. But let me tell you, if we take the attitude of a false doctrine and the attitude that there can be no victory over sin. I tell you we're gonna be conquored by sin.

But if we take what Paul says 'that Jes. dealt decisively with our sin at Calvary and that when

we came to Him, we were placed into all that He purchased, through the H. S., a miracle, that is the real baptism of the H. S., friends. If we take that attitude, there's not a one of us today, that's not gonna find ourselves progressively moving into a higher realm of victory over sin. Now what sin are you battling today?

You're battling a sin; I'm battling a sin. What you gonna do about it? Rededicate your life? There's a time to come down and rededicate your life that the church might see that you've made a new resolution. I'm not downing this. You gonna suppress it and say 'well, you know I'll try to forget it and it's not real'. You gonna say 'well, I'll just turn over a new leaf and just come to church a little more. I'll pray a little more. Read some books, hear some tapes. Hear Dr. Sounding Brass or Dry as Dust deliver a lecture on theology? People are just running everywhere to find an answer today.

Here's the answer. What is your sin? Know, Know that Jes. conquored it in His death at Calvary.

Destroyed it! KNOW it. And that when you came to Him, you had in your graspe, the postential of conquoring it in your life.

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and walking in a new life through the power of His resurrection. KNOW that!

SECONDLY: Reckon! Reckon every moment you live; that you are dead to that sin.

And that you're alive unto God. Now don't just stop with being dead to sin; you see, some people just deal with the negative. Not just dead to sin, alive - WE'RE ALIVE - we're the people of the resurrection. The Xtns in Korea call themselves the resurrected ones. That's what a Xtn is, resurrected!

THIRDLY: Relinquish Your Physical Body Unto the Service of Righteousness. Do not let any part of YOUR BODY be in the employment of sin or satan. But put it in the employment of our Lord, JC. YOU will find victory! All right, now let me tell you this. I can't talk to all

of you personally, but some of you have talked to me personally. I would love to talk to you. You're battling with a certain sin; try this for a month. Try it for a month and see what happens in your life. I can say this has been one of the greatest things I have ever experienced in my life - is what I've talked about. It has been with some of you already. Some of you have never heard it. Some of you are struggling. Stay with it and it will work for it is the will of God.

Let's stand.