

ROMANS - LESSON #14  
HOW TO KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS  
WITHOUT KNOWING IT!

Romans 8: 1-12

..... pray as I teach. There's a great question that we wrestle with in the Xtn life. We become a Xtn; we are forgiven of our sins. We're born again and yet, there's still a struggle; there's a temptation. We're tempted to sin. We have a weakness in us. Yet, the Bible says, absolutely that Christ has won a victory for us, whereby we can live above the power of sin. That we can live a Holy life, that we can obey Jes. and enjoy it. Now throughout Xtn history, men have wrestled with this problem. How do I handle sin? You see, anybody who's a Xtn, knows he's not to sin. He does not habitually sin (1 John 3: 9) for if we habitually sin, we're not saved.

There are many professors who have never been born again and we know this because their life is sin. If we love sin, we habitually practice sin, we're not saved. But that does not mean that we are not struggling with that which is wrong. There's not a person I talk to here tonight who is not tempted to do something wrong. It might be in the realm of attitude but still we face this - every one of us! Now there's been three answers to how you handle this:

I. FIRST OF ALL: The Answer of Sinlessness. There is a school of thought - some of you have been members of a denomination that teaches all sin can be eradicated and a person can come to a state of sinlessness. The Doctrine of Eradicationism. That does away with the sin nature until you can't sin. Well, this is, of course, not hard to disprove:

#1: The Bible Doesn't Teach This. Paul, at the end of his life, said he was not perfect and he was still striving. But also it

#2: Denies Human Experience. I ran up with a lady recently who said she did not sin. And she was a dear lady and I didn't condemn/<sup>her,</sup> but I said 'I want to ask you a question; do you ever fail to do anything that you ought to do?' She said 'oh, yes, there's much that I omit doing that I ought to do'. Then I quoted her James 4: 17 (read). You see that shows you how foolish it is to say that we're sinless. I talked to another lady, she said 'I'm sinless'. I said 'really?' I knew that she was not, at all. She told me she missed church most of the time to cook for her family.

And I got to talking to her and she said 'well, what I mean is that I'm pure in heart!! I may do wrong on the outside but I'm pure in heart'. Well, you see, that just doesn't stand. If you say you're pure in heart and ~~you~~ yet, you sin on the outside, you're still a sinner. Well, the idea of sinlessness is not the answer. There's no one that's ever lived that can say he ever comes to a state that he can't sin. But there is another approach and that is

11 #2. Sinfulness. That is the teaching of 'saved by grace. No need for me to get up tight about living righteously. I know I can't do it and I'm just gonna sin all I want to. I'm saved anyhow.' Well, that's worse than the first view. That is not the teaching of the Bible at all. Anybody who teaches that or says that is probably not saved. Some people have understood that Baptists taught that. That we're saved by grace - we can go out and do anything we want to. That is not our teaching at all. We may have had some of this in former Baptists who have taught that, but that is not the Calvinist doctrine of Eternal Security at all.

The Calvinist Doctrine of Eternal Security is that we are preserved by Gods grace, but that we persevere; that the saints of God persevere in Holiness. And that our lives are different from the world. So, the idea that you just give in to it - sinfulness - is certainly not the Biblical answer. Then there is a third approach:

111 #3. Suppression. See my three 'S's' men? Suppression. That we just suppress these evil thoughts and by our own will power, we just put them aside or push them down in our consciousness and just try to handle them that way. Well, now, neither way of these three ways that men have had have handled the sin problem or is Gods answer. The answer is in Rom. 8 and the answer is 'releasingt in our lives a principle of power and life greater than the power of sin'. Now let's look at it. If you actually were correcting, moving into the 8th chapter of Romans, you would begin it with a 'but'.

In the latter part of 7th Chapter of Romans, here is a man who indeed is under the power of his evil nature. But when we come to the 8th Chapter, there ought not to be a division there really.

Man placed the division there. Paul kept right on writing.

V. 1 (read) 'but (on the other hand) there is therefore now....(meaning since Jes. has come and risen again and given us the H. S.) but on the other hand, 'there is therefore now no condemnation'. Condemnation to what? Condemnation under the power of sin. We are not condemned to live under the power of sin. There is NO condemnation to live under the power of sin! 'To them which are in Christ Jesus'. Who is in Christ Jesus? Any Xtn. The day you receive Christ, He entered in to you; He placed you into Him, through Spirit Baptism. 1 Cor. 12: 13 (read). But he goes on to say it is necessary to walk after the Spirit, after the Holy Spirit, and not after the flesh, if we are going to have this victory over the evil nature that is in us.

Now he makes the statement, and in the next verse, he tells how this is come to pass.

V. 2 (read) it is really a past tense: 'the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus freed me from the law of sin and death'. Now he uses the word 'law' there. Now that's not the law of Moses. What is he talking about when he says 'the law'? He's talking about a fixed principle - something that's dependable. A principle of God that's placed in the believers life. Why didn't he say the 'Law of life in Christ Jesus'? He says 'the law of the Spirit (and notice Spirit is captalized?). He's talking about the H. S. and this word 'law' could be translated 'for the authority of the Spirit of life, the H. S., which has given us life in Christ Jesus, freed me .... why is it a past tense? in the original?

Freed me? Because it happened in the past when we received Jesus. It's a part of salvation, in other words. We were freed from the law of sin and of death. Now the law of the Spirit of life is that ~~XXX~~ authority of power over sin taht the believer has, through the H. S., who has entered his life. Now what is the law of sin and death? It is that authority or that power which will ultimately lead to eternal death but in the context, it is that law which places us under bondage to sin and we simply are not under that bondage; we have been freed and we need to realize it, my friends. Most believers do not know who they are!

I was reading an article this week of the counselors in our convention talking about the great depression of Southern Baptists people today! There's an unusual rash of depression. And I was just thrilled to read the insight of these counselors. Really they were women, most of them. And they said 'the problem is that our people do not know who they are in Christ'. Do you know who you are in Christ? Until we know who we are, and know what we have in Christ, we are de-  
feated and we do not appropriate the freedom that is ours over sin. Over sin!

Now we have been taught that there are two natures in us: that there is the New Nature and there is the equally powerful Old Nature. Well, the Bible doesn't teach that. I'll come to this in just a few moments. The Bible says that the old man has been crucified. And it says that when we came to Christ, that we died with Him; we arose with Him. But you know what we've been taught? To a great extent, we've been taught that we are in bondage to sin, even after  
we are redeemed by Jesus. Until we have millions of people who do not believe they can have victory over sin.

They believe they've got to give in to their sin rather than identifying with the Spirit of JC. It is a very sad thing that I'm talking about. Until we realize in our minds and appropriate, by faith, that which Jesus has done for us and know who we are, we are absolutely gonna be bound. And how we desperately need today to know who we are and to know how to release the power of God through our lives - not to give in to the temptations of sin and to the evil that is in our mind, really. Now, in the next verse - when we get to V. 5, I'm gonna say more about the two natures.

In V. 3, we're told how God has accomplished this for His people.

V. 3 (read) for what the law (now that's the law of Moses) could not do'. Well, what could the law of Moses not do? The law of Moses could not make us Holy; it did not break this evil power, and did not enable us to keep that moral requirement of God at all. You know why Christ came? Rom. 8: 3 tells us. It's the greatest verse, probably, on the Incarnation in all of Scripture. He came to give us the power to be Holy. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak,

(or weakened, the Greek says) through the flesh.' The Law was good, but man, in his flesh, in his weakness, could not keep the Law. What the Law could not do, in that it was weakened through the evil nature of man, God sending His own Son, not in sinful flesh (Paul is very careful in the choice of his words, but in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh) but He sent His Son in a body. A body like yours and mine, except without sin. Why did He send Him in a body? Because that's where sin began. And that's sin must be dealt with. That's the hiding place of sin. Jes. had to come in a body and He goes on to say He became a sin offering (sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin (or as a sin offering) and you see Jes. gathered up all the sins of the world into His body. 1 Peter 2: 24(read).

It says 'He condemned (and that word means that He judged it) and He broke its power in the flesh'. Now notice it says s-i-n in His own flesh. Not sins here but sin. When Jes. died, not only did He deal with what we have DONE (our s-i-n-s) but He also dealt with what we ARE (He dealt with s-i-ns and we have the forgiveness of our sins through Him, but He did so much MORE than that! He broke the very power of evil in us. He dethroned the evil nature in us and that's what it's talking about in Romans 6 and also 8. We have power over the very evil nature that we inherited. The Bible does not teach what I'm just talking about; it does not teach Sinlessness and Sinfulness and Suppression.

But it DOES teach that Jes. in His body, judged and broke our sinful nature. Why did He do that? What is Gods purpose for us? The predestined purpose of God for His people is that we might be Holy and without blame before Him in love. That's what Paul says, in Eph. 1: 4 (read) 'according to His abundant mercy.... and then he goes on to say 'that has blessed us with all Spiritual blessings in the Heavenlies in Christ Jes.'and then he goes on to say 'according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be Holy and without blame before Him in love'.

The predestined purpose of God for His children is that we might be a Holy people. Now we're not to walk around excusing our sins. That we be a HOLY people. Look what Rom. 8: 4 says

'Jesus came and judged sin and broke it's power and

V. 4 (read) 'that ( in the Greek, that means 'in order that') the righteousness. Now that is not the word 'righteousness' that we read about in Chap. 2 & 3 'justification'. It's the word 'diakoma' which means 'righteous behavior'. There are two kinds of righteousness in Scrip. and in Romans. There is the GIFT of Righteousness - that inward gift of righteousness, which is imputed to us by simple faith. I trust Christ and the very righteousness of God is accredited to my account. But that's not what this is talking about. Now it arises out of the imputed righteousness but the righteousness here is the outward behavior of my life!

'That the righteous behavior of the Law (what Law? The Law of Moses. Of the Old. Covenant; summarized in the Ten Commandments). What is the righteousness of the Law? Well, briefly stated, it can be summarized in two statements:

#1. Thou shalt love Jes. with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength.

#2. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

And you read these Ten Commandments and you see the moral law of God. Has that been repealed? Not for the life of you! Are Xtns not to abide by the moral law? Of course they are. We say 'well, we're not under the law. Well, in a sense we're not under the law, if you're talking about for salvation. In a truer sense, the law is in us; has been written on our hearts; the moral law of God has been written on the heart of every born again person until it is our very heart and our very nature. Notice the way Paul puts it? In order that the righteous behavior of the law might be fulfilled (or carried out) in us'.

Now he doesn't say 'by us'. But he says 'IN us'. You see, the very law of God is on our hearts; that's the difference in the Old Cov. and the New Cov. Jeremiah 31: 31-34, (read) Jeremiah says 'God's gonna make a New Cov. and the difference in the Old Cov. and the New Cov. was that under the Old. Cov. the law was written on tables of stone and it was not written in the heart of man. And when he tried to do it, it was simply something from the outside inward.

But he says the New Cov. I'm gonna write my Law - my Law - on the hearts of My people. My very moral law is going to be in them. The writer of Hebrews considers it so important in describing the difference in the Covenants that in the 8th chapter of Hebrews, he talks about this very thing and in the 10th Verse, he says (read) 10 and 11 verses. You see, God places morality in our hearts. It's written in our hearts until a true Xtn has it on the inside of him! It's his very nature to be righteous. It's his NATURE not to commit adultery; not to steal. The moral Law of God has been implanted within him!

David said that in Psalms 51: 6 (read) 'in the inward parts'. Now, when it's on the inside, and we're born of this morality, then we can live it and we can do it and it's no burden to us. It's no burden to us! 1 John 5: 3 (read) His Commandments are not burdensome. They're not burdensome. When someone finds a burden in their religion, there's something wrong. There is something wrong. Now we would say 'well, if you're gonna be moral, what you need to do is to get you a copy of the Ten Commandments and put them up over the kitchen sink and just re-view them each day and go out and say 'yes, I'm gonna keep these today'.

No, you don't do that at all, my friends. The moment you do that, you've placed yourself under the law and you will absolutely fail! The law is kept through the power of God! That has been released in the believer, through JC and operates through the new nature! Now you notice how I gave the title for this lesson today? You may have thought it strange 'How To Keep the Ten Commandments Without Knowing It'? People who keep the moral law of God don't deliberately set out saying 'I'm gonna keep this' - X~~R~~ 'I'm gonna do this'. It's just a part of their life.

Now for instance, take the command of God to be humble. Are you gonna be humble by just saying 'I'm gonna be humble'? Well, if so, you'll pretty soon be proud of your humility. I remember something D. L. Moody said: he said he didn't know how to define humility but he said he knew this: those who have it don't know it! Those who have it don't know it! It's so much a part of our lives until we wouldn't even know it unless someone called attention to it. Right-ousness is on the inside and spills over into the life of a person and they are living this



life because they ~~XXXXXX~~ love it. It's a part of their life; it is written in them. Jes. came, broke the power of sin; sent the H. S. into our lives; gave this authority of the Law of Life in Himself, in order that we might keep the righteous requirement of the Law. That we might live a life that is pleasing unto Him.

Now when we get down to V. 12 & 13, he's gonna tell us HOW to deal with specific evils in our lives. That's called 'the deeds of the body' and really should be translated 'the mis-deeds of the body'. Now when he comes to the next verse, and following, he begins to contrast the carnal man (for the person dominated by the flesh or the five senses). This is the lost man. Over against the Xtn who is walking in the power of the H. S. Walking IN the Spirit rather than after the flesh. And notice what he says

V. 5 (read) 'after the flesh (they that are living according to this old sin nature) do mind the things of the flesh'. It has the idea of thought and in the very mind. Now we talk about the two natures; we talk about the New Nature; we talk about the Old Nature. And many people teach that the Old Nature is as strong as the New Nature. And they teach that there's no way in the world not to let that Old Nature overcome us! Well, the Bible says the Old Nature has been crucified. The Bible says it's been put out of business. What we call the Old Nature is really a carnal mind. It's really a thought pattern that we've brought over into life.

That's what it is. That needs to be renewed and where the victory's won in the Xtn life is by renewing our minds. It's not the eradication of an Old Nature - that's already been dealt with at the cross; but the mind - the mind of the Xtn - has been programed. Has been programed; to such an extent that after conversion that mind needs to be renewed lest it THINKS the Old way and lest it feels the Old Way and lest it reacts the Old Way. Let me tell you today, that the victory in the Xtn life is in the mind - not in the emotion! It's in the mind! When you can get a person thinking right, ~~XXXXXX~~ that person will enter into victory. I've observed this, as a pastor. As long as we're thinking wrong, as long as our understanding of who we are is wrong, we can never enter in to what Christ has for us!



Satan is destroying our generation through the mind. Paul says in Rom. 12:2 (read)

'be ye transformed' - how? 'By the renewing of your mind'. And unless our minds have been renewed and the old program of the past has come in to our lives, we, indeed, are bad off.

But God wants to renew our minds until we actually think differently. And when we think differently, we'll talk differently and we'll do differently. You can tell whether a person has grasped Truth by the way they talk.

*Prov. 25:7*

That comes from the mind. 'For they that are after the flesh' - you could just translate 'they that live according to the five senses'. Most people live by the five senses. Just by what they can eat and touch and feel - just totally materialistic. Living for the physical. 'But they that are after the Spirit, they do the things of the Spirit'. That's describing the normal Xtn life. Not living by the five senses, but <sup>living by the word</sup> living on the Lord and living by the sixth sense of Faith! Living with Faith in God and putting a premium on the things of God, not on the things of the physical life.

*"they who live acc. to 5 senses."*

V. 6 (read) not 'will be death' but 'IS death'. The Word Death means 'separation'. The person who is living under this nature (this is the lost person) is separated from Life, which is death. It expresses itself in guilt and that means a lack of acceptance. A person who is guilty - he's just not accepted by God. Or it's expressed in fear and resentment or in hostility because he's separated from God. It's a state of death. Now it's gonna lead to Eternal Death, but it's presently Spiritual Death: Separation from God.

Guilt and resentment and jealousy and all these things, which destroy our happiness and any sense of well being. But he says there in V. 6, latter part 'to be spiritual minded is Life'. Not 'will be' Life - it's gonna eventuate in life in Heaven, but it IS Life and peace. Life and peace, which is the opposite of guilt. It's acceptance. The opposite of fear - it's joy. The opposite of resentment - forgiveness. The fulness of Life and that's peace.

V. 7 (read) 'enmity' (the Greek word is 'hostile'). It's hostile against God. Now we've

already seen that the Spirit man has it written in his heart. The Law of God is written in his heart. Righteousness is at the center of his being; he was born of this. This is his nature. But not the man dominated by the sin nature. The very opposite: this heart is filled with unrighteousness, Adultery is there, Lying is there, all kinds of sin is there. And he's not subject to the law of God. He's not subject to Gods Law at all. He can't keep it, he has no desire to keep it, he has no motivation to keep it. He's not subject to the Law of God.

SM *He's dead spir. Just as a corpse can't respond to stimuli, a spir. dead man cannot respond to God.*  
What do you think about a person who says he's a Xtn and yet, if the Pastor preaches a Bible sermon, he'll rebel against it? 'Oh, I'm not gonna do that; I'm not gonna listen to that'.

That raises a real question of whether he's EVER had the Law of God written in his heart. You know what John says? In 1 John 5: 6 (read) one of the greatest signs <sup>that</sup> ~~XXX~~ a mans a Xtn is that he'll listen to the Bible. Listen to the Pastor. Listen to the S. S. teacher. Listen to

the Word. Why? Because it's on the inside of him. But if it's not on the inside of him, he'll resist it. He'll fight it. He's an enemy of God. *Or he's indifferent to it. SM - most people sit in church + never hear the gospel. And the H.S. arouses them + now he can be religious.* He can walk around saying 'well, I'm keeping the Ten Commandments' but you bring him face to face with the reality of Jes. and he will fight you! *they hear.* The unregen-

erate mind is hostile to God and actually hates God and hates the church of God and hates those who preach. Those who teach the Word of God. You know it. You face it all the time. in life. BEcause the carnal mind is hostile against God for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither, indeed, can be - it's an impossibility for it to be! And there's no need for us to go out here to a lost world and begin to talk to them the moral Law of God.

SM - Suppose a person is lost in sin and drinking and you're gonna say 'well, quit your drinking; quit your drinking'. That's not the approach of the Gospel. What if he quit his drinking? He'd just die and go to hell sober. What does he need to be told? He needs to be told that his life can be changed. He needs to be told that that desire can be taken out of his heart; that he can be transformed; that he can be changed by Jes. He needs to be given the Good News. That a new life can come into your life; that the very Law of God can be written on



your heart until you'll love Jes. and you'll love His way. It'll be your very life through Jes. He needs to be shown that. The other is the Way of Law. And there are many people who think that's the way they're saved. They just quit doing certain things. And they're taught that - that is a sad approach, indeed.

V. 8 (read) 'they that are in the flesh (they that have this evil nature) cannot please God! It is impossible for them to. They're hostile to God. They hate God. Now they can be a church member; they can hold an office in the church and often they do; they can sing in the choir; they can be a deacon; they can teach S.S. and tithe their money, but they don't please God. Their hearts are against God. They're hostile. They're hostile to God. Some of the greatest enemies of God sit right in our church and they fight the Truth. They fight the Truth.

The greatest enemies of God often are religious people. Not even to mention those, of course, who have never made any pretense of anything. But look at

V. 9 (read) 'but ye are not in the flesh (now that doesn't say that we are not in a physical body) - that means that we are NOT of this nature or dominated by this evil power) but in the Spirit (notice, with a big 'S' - he's always talking about the Holy Spirit when it's a big 'S' and it appears 27 times in this chapter) but you're in the Holy Spirit' - see, the whole emphasis is what the H. Spirit does, working through the New Nature, released in us. 'But ye are in the Spirit (Holy Spirit) if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you'. And the Spirit of God dwells in EVERY believer - that's the LIFE of the believer.

'If any man have not the Spirit of Christ (and the Spirit of Christ is the same thing as the Holy Spirit. He sent Him - that's the first thing He did - Acts 2: 33 says - when He went to Heaven). 'Any man hath not the Spirit of Christ (the H. S.) he is none of His'. What is the badge of a Xtn? The H. S. When Paul wanted to know if certain believers were saved or not, you know what he asked them? He said 'did you receive the H. S. when you believed?' That's

the question for all of us to ask, who say we're saved. Did you receive the H. S.? Did the H. S. enter into our lives? Were we born of the H. S.? You see, a person can be baptized, a person can be a member of the church, a person can give his tithe and not be a Xtn. But, listen, a person who has the H. S. in him is a Xtn and no one else is! That's why it's so foolish for people who've been Xtns for years to come along and say 'well, I got the H.S.'.

Listen, you BECAME a Xtn by the H. S.! The Bible is utterly clear in this and it states it here in this 'that if any man hath not the H. S., he doesn't belong to Christ at all. That is what makes us a Xtn is this new life. And in this New Life, working through the New Nature is an authority ~~XXXXXXX~~ over the power of sin.

V. 10 (read) what a statement this is. Now a person who's lost, he has a dead Spirit and a dead body. But we who are saved, we have a live Spirit (the H. S.) but our body is dead. Our body is dead. If -- it will not be made alive and redeemed until the resurrection. One day, it will be TOTALLY, totally saved, even as our Spirit is saved. But not now. He says that the Spirit is Life because of righteousness; because of justification. When we trusted Christ and we were justified, the H. S. came in and we have Life. But that did not redeem the body. The body is dead because of sin. O.K.

Now here's the excuse of many Xtns: I've heard it all my life - 'well, I'm just a human being! I'm just in a body; I just live in the flesh and God doesn't expect too much of me. I'm justified in sinning; God understands because I'm in a body!'. Now Paul answers that in

V. 11 (read) 'But (even though your body is dead) if the Spirit' (with a big S) and this really should be translated 'SINCE the Spirit of Him that raised up Jes. from the dead, dwell in you, (do you realize that's true today?). If that doesn't lift us, nothing in the world will lift us! The very power that God used in raising the dead body of Jes., is in your dead body right now. In my dead body. The greatest power in the universe is in God's people, right in our bodies! In every body who's a Xtn.



Since the Spirit of Him that raised up Jes. from the dead, dwells (that's a present tense - keeps on dwelling) in you, He that raised up Jes. from the dead shall also raise up your <sup>m</sup>mortal bodies? Doesn't say that at all. Some commentators, not knowing what this verse is teaching, translated it that way and they say 'well, this is talking about the future resurrection of the body. Not at all. It's talking about the present quickening of the mortal body - not the immortal body!'

He's saying 'even though this body is dead, that there has come within it the resurrection power of JC until we don't have to sin in this body'. What a statement it is. Since the Spirit (the H. S.) of HIM that raised up Jes. from the dead, live in you'. Him that raised up Jes. from the dead, shall also quicken (or make alive) your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. So great is the H. S.'s power and so great is the Law of the Spirit of Life in C.J.- so great is this authority that we have over sin, until not even our dead bodies can prevail against righteousness. In this body, I can live for Jes. in a dead body!

Even in a dead body. I

*Body sins but my spirit does not = heresy.*

I have actually read the heresy taught by some of our writers that the body sins all the time. And that the Good Nature never sins, but our bodies sin all the time! There's never been a greater heresy that's ever been taught on earth. If my body sins, I'm a sinner. And it's in my body that I have to have victory because that is where I live. If I am controlled by my body and don't have a power over my physical body, then I am, of all men, most miserable! And you are, also. We're absolutely slaves. If I cannot rise up above the appetites of my <sup>m</sup>body! For instance, take the sex instinct.

You mean to tell me there's no power that can control that? Just take the weakness of this old body. Have we got to live with the weakness of this old body and got to say 'oh, yes, O Lord, I'm in a dead body You know and one day I'll get a resurrection body and one day I'm gonna start living right but here, Lord, You'll just have to forgive me because really You understand that my body is dead.' Here's Paul's answer: no, you don't. There has been released within that body a power that is so much greater that there's not a sin in that body



that can compare to the power to overcome it and in that body we can live with Jes.! Paul said we are to present it a living sacrifice - how? Holy, Acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable sacrifice. You remember the testimony in Gal. 2: 20? How he states it? 'I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life that I now live in the flesh (that's in the body) I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and who gave Himself for me'.

We have several of our interns here. You know what'll defeat you men in the ministry? Is your body. If you don't learn this Truth. Through sheer tiredness, if nothing else! Many people who are trying to serve God today cannot serve Him because they give in to their bodies and say 'well, my body is waling up'. The way I entered into thie Truth was I discovered the quickening power of the H.Ghose in my body years ago, when on Saturday, I would be weak or sick and the H. G. would quicken this mortal body and send me into the pulpit strong and able to preach the Word of God!

When we're in the battle of the Lord the H. S. will quicken our bodies and bring power and strength and refreshing and He will, through that same power, keep us from sin and we don't have to give in to sin, that makes its avenue thorough the body! That's exactly what he's teaching here. What a great and marvelous Truth this is.

V. 12 (read) 'therefore (or in the light of this fact that we've just been talking about) therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flexh -- we're under no obligation to serve this evil nature or what is what I call 'the carnal mind'. That's the best way to describe this. Not another power in us equal to the New Nature, but it's that program mind that's got to be renewed. 'Therefore, brethren, we are not under obligation to the flesh but how many there are who say ~~they~~ they are'. And they lose the battle right at that point. They say 'I've got to -- I just can't overcome this. I have evil in me and I'm in a dead body and therefore, I'm obligated.' Let me tell you, you talk that type of theology and when you believe that type of ~~thing~~ thing, you will NEVER, never be victorious!

*See Rom. 13:14 - St. Aug. thought he had to sin in his body until he heard this verse.*

Even when we fail and evil when we sin, we ought never to justify it - not one sin! We ought NEVER to say that we have to do it, but we ought to say 'Lord, there's a better way and I will arise and keep on striving. You have won the victory!! I just have not appropriated it ~~XXXXXX~~ in my life'. God has won the victory over every sin and He wants His people to walk in victory!

Side Two of Tape

We are not under obligation to the enemy of our soul; yet, many people, they confess, they confess that they're obligated. Oh, I just have to do this! I'm just human. I'm just human. <sup>SM</sup> And the Bible doesn't say that at all. <sup>SM</sup> You ever seen the bumper sticker: 'We Christians are Just Forgiven-not perfect'. You see how that comes through that shallow theology? That <sup>heard</sup> we're just forgiven? Have you ever/this statement that the only difference in Xtens and non-Xtens is: that Christians are forgiven sinners and that the non-Xtn is just an unforgiven sinner? That's the biggest lie in the world!

We are so much more than forgiven, my friends. We are redeemed, if we will believe it! We have been freed from the law of sin and death and if we believe ~~in~~ in our minds, and appropriate it by faith, we're gonna live on that plane. But if we confess down here a wrong theology, we can never, in this life, ever enter in to the victory of Christ! Therefore we're not under obligation to this old nature, to live after the flesh, and he goes on to say in

V. 13 (read) that's death! Present death! We've already seen it: Eternal Death, that's death! That's the way the world is living! If ye live after this evil, ye shall die; but if ye, through the Spirit (notice, with a big 'S' again--if ye, through the aid of the H. S. is what he's saying)-- t-h-a-n-a-t-o-u-t-e--- that's the word 'mortify'. Has a causative ending on it! If you cause to be put to death the deeds (the MISdeeds) of the body, ye shall live'.

Now my time is up. I wan in hopes I would get to go into this. How do you cause to be put to death, the misdeeds of the body? Here's the key of appropriating the victory and releasing in



your life the law of the liberty of the Spirit of life and that's Jes. Is learning HOW to cause to be put to death the misdeeds of the body! For instance, suppose today, that you're <sup>SM</sup> wrestling with problems of jealousy. Does Christ want you to say 'well, you know, that's just human nature. I'm jealous because my mama was jealous and I've just got to be jealous'. Or you have ~~XXXXXX~~ a temper. 'My mother had red hair and I just got to blow my top'. Not for the life of you! that's living after the flesh! If we through the aid of the H. S. do ~~XXXX~~ cause to be put to death -- and that's where you and I come in!

You see, we're not to consciously tack up the Ten Commandments and say 'Listen, here they are, I'm gonna live them'. That's not the way you live ~~XXXXXX~~ the Xtn life. What we are to do consciously, is to step by step; moment by moment surrender to the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jes., operating through the New Nature. Surrendering to the H. S.; walking in His power; appropriating the victory of Christ. The Life of Christ is released in us through the H. S. Next time, I will start at V. 13 and will show you how you cause to be put to death the misdeeds of the body!

I prayed so much, as I shared, that God would give me an anointing to share this tremendous Truth. I pray that it has been so you could understand it and I pray that as we leave, that we'll understand who we are in Christ, better than we ever have. And that we will begin to live this life of victory, if we haven't. That we will, this week, try to apply what we've heard today. Now you owe it to yourself to come back next Sunday and I'll be here and I'm gonna teach deeper in this. You interns. Tuesday, twelve o'clock we'll see what you've learned.

O.K. let's stand.