

INTRODUCTION

- * Up until this point, Paul has presented a biblically logical and legal argument showing that ALL men - whether Jew or Gentile - are justly condemned for their rebellion (sin) against God.
- * Man is incapable of doing any work that will afford him the righteousness required to merit everlasting life.
- * However, God - in His grace (unmerited favor) - provided a way that sinners could be justified. This justification was reckoned by God to Abraham, prior to the law. This pathway of justification was through faith - not in the work of self, but in the work of God!
- * God's provision was the sacrificial death of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through belief in His atoning death, burial and resurrection we can have peace with God.
- * He now turns to the practical application, and struggle, of this truth - that we ARE, as Jesus declared: "Free Indeed!"
John 8:36 "Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FACT OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST (v. 2-10)

A. The C_____al

B. The E_____als

1. WE _____ (_____) UNITED TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH
2. WE _____ (_____) UNITED TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION

II. THE EFFECTS OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST (v. 6:11 - 8:15)

A. The R_____ (v. 11-23)

- * The Term: Reckon ... logizesthe: take an inventory; make an account; put it on account; make a calculation; consider as being ____
- * The Local Usage: Romans 4:3-12, 22-24 (11x)

1. THE R_____
 - a. Command #1: v. 12 "Do not sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts."
 - b. Command #2: v. 13 "Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin ..."
2. THE R_____ (v. 14-18)
3. THE A_____ (v. 19-22)
4. THE S_____ (v. 23)

NEXT WEEK ...

B. The W_____ (Romans 7: 1-23)

C. The D_____ (Romans 7:24 - 8:15)

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU RECEIVED GOD'S FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD?
- * IF YOU HAVE, HAVE YOU "RECKONED" YOURSELF AS BEING DEAD TO SIN ... BUT ALIVE TO GOD?
- * WE MUST NOT *PRESENT OUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS* !
- * IS THERE AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE THAT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT INTO SUBMISSION TO THE REIGN OF CHRIST? ARE YOU WILLING TO "OBEY FROM THE HEART?"