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who you are



“Knowing Your Past Bondage to Sin”

Part I

Romans 6:1-2

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation. The old has passed
away; behold, the new has come.*

II Corinthians 5:17

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I. Romans 6 – Victory Over the Bondage of Sin

- A. By Knowing Your Past Bondage to Sin (vs. 1-10)
- B. By Yielding Your Present Body to Righteousness (vs. 11-23)

II. Romans 7 – Liberty from Bondage to the Law

- A. The Law's Authority (vs. 1-6)
- B. The Law's Ministry (vs. 7-13)
- C. The Law's Inability (vs. 14-25)

III. Romans 8 – Security in the Holy Spirit

- A. We are free from judgment (vs. 1-4).
- B. We are free from defeat (vs. 5-17).
- C. We are free from discouragement (vs. 18-30).
- D. We are free from fear (vs. 31-39).

From the WBC Doctrinal Statement

“We believe that every saved person possesses two natures, with provision made for victory of the new nature over the old nature through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and, that all claims to the eradication of the old nature in this life are unscriptural.” (#8)

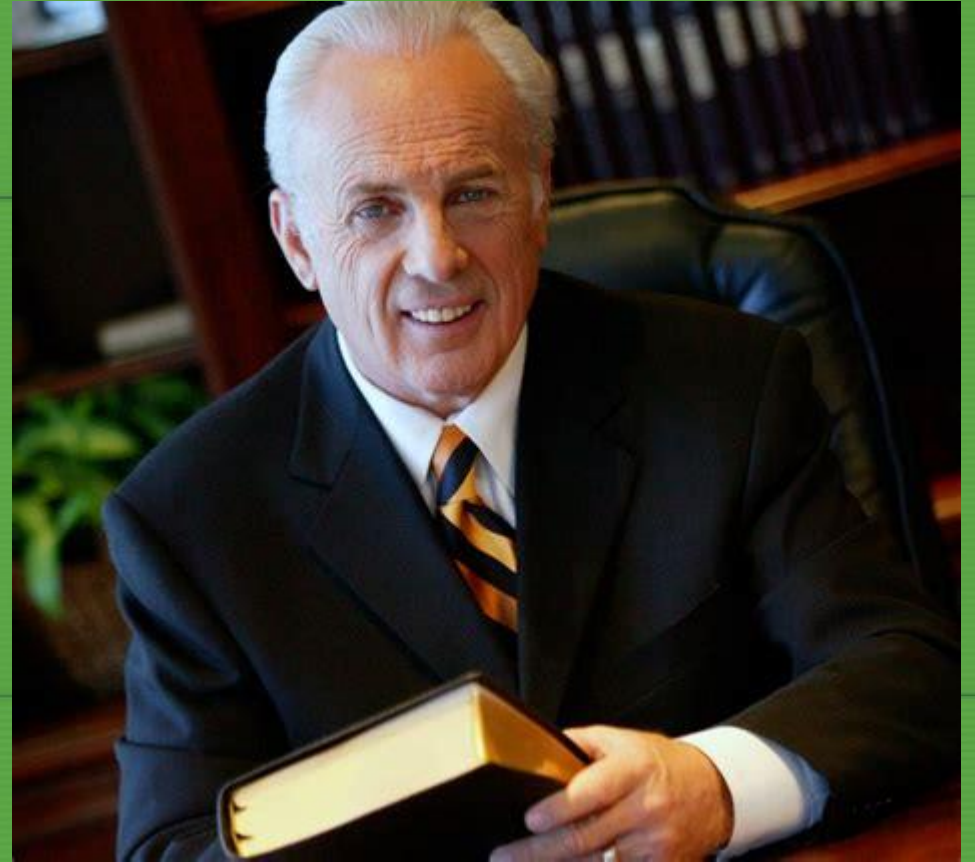
- **Justification** - a one-time event in which, based on the work of Christ, we are declared righteous (e.g., positionally).
- **Sanctification** - begins at conversion and is the process by which we become holy or realize that righteousness (e.g., practically).

Important Definitions

Key Point:

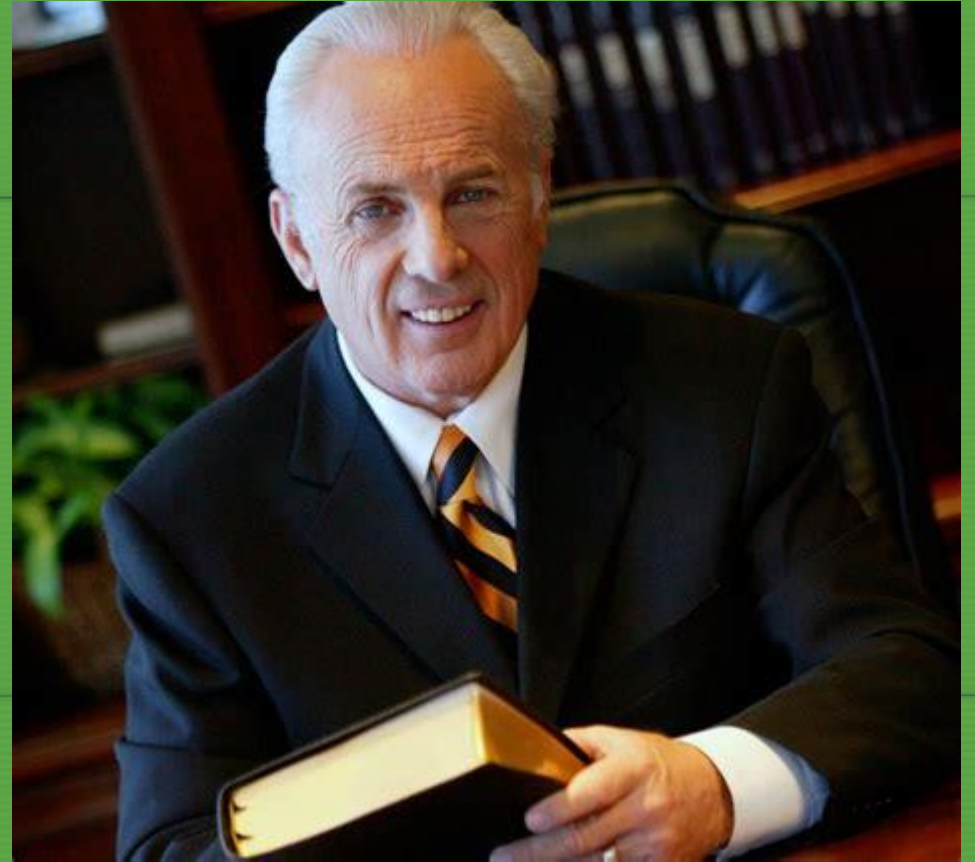
A Christian cannot live according to something he has died to.

“As Scripture makes plain throughout its pages, from Genesis through Revelation, a saving relationship with God is inextricably linked to holy living and a holy life is lived by the power of God working in and through the heart of the true believer. In God’s redemptive act in a person’s heart, true holiness is as much a gift of God as is the new birth and the spiritual life it brings. ...



John MacArthur

... The life that is not basically marked by holiness has no claim to salvation. It is true that no believer will be sinless until he goes to be with the Lord by death or by rapture, but a professed believer who persistently disregards Christ's lordship and His standards of righteousness by obedience has no claim on Christ's saviorhood. It is that cardinal gospel truth that Paul forcefully defends in Romans 6-7."



John MacArthur

**I. An Antagonist Question – Can we live in sin?
(vs. 1)**

- a. Means “to continue in a pursuit”
- b. Used In I Timothy 4:16 when Paul tells Timothy to keep watching himself and his teaching and to persist (or pursue) this for the benefit of those to whom he ministers

The Word “*Continue*”

- a. Means “no/against” (anti) “law” (nomos)
- b. The belief that God doesn't requires us to follow any moral laws
- c. Promoted by false teachers (Jude 4)

Defining Antinomianism

- a. Believe that our sins – past, present and future – have been forgiven and thus we have no need to ever confess them.
- b. Problems
 1. Overemphasis of God's forgiveness at the expense of God's chastising His children
 2. Fails to remember that Jesus taught us to pray for deliverance from temptation (Matt 6:13) and to be forgiven from our sins (Matt 6:12)
 3. Fails to address that one of the very ways we relate to one another is by confessing our sins to one another (Jas 5:16)
 4. Confuses our position and practice of being forgiven

The Hyper-Grace Movement

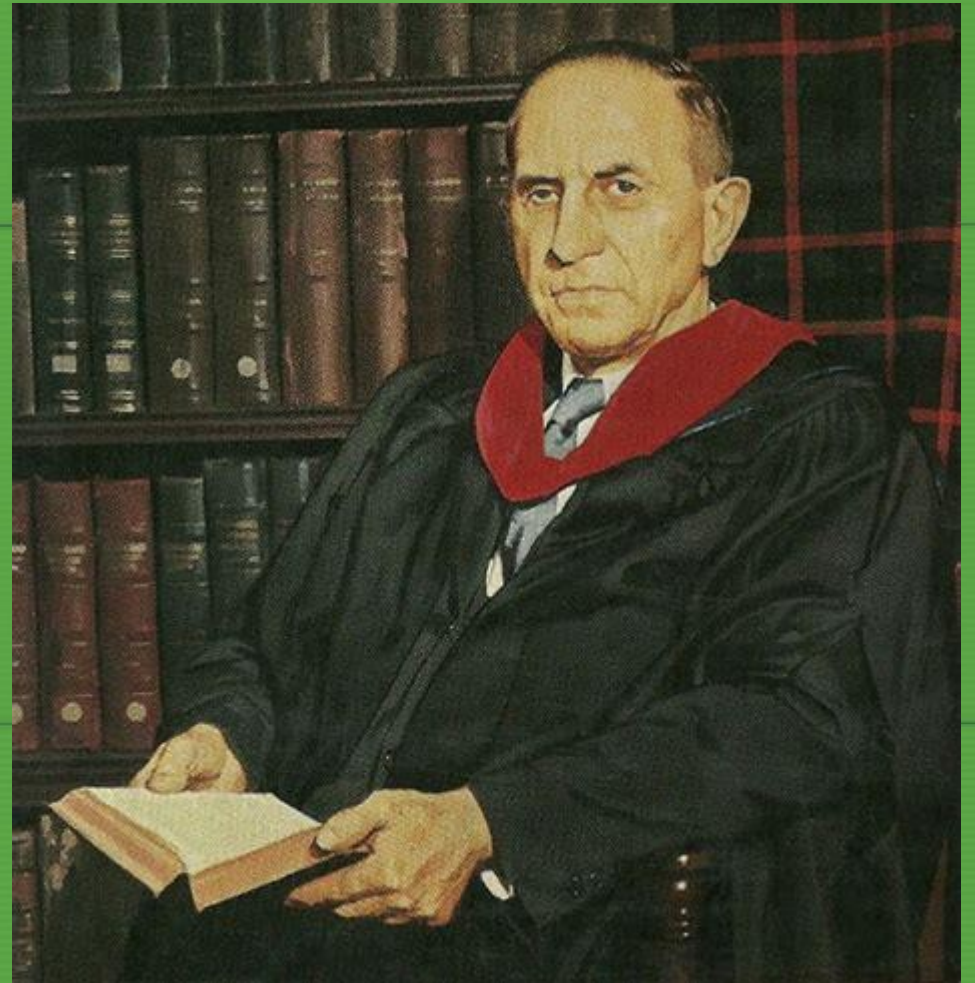
**I. An Antagonist Question – Can we live in sin?
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II. A Strong Answer – No, we died to sin (vs. 2).

Key Point:

A Christian cannot live according to something he has died to.

“Death and life cannot coexist; we cannot be dead and living with respect to the same thing at the same time.”



John Murray

*But far be it from me to boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ, **by which the world has
been crucified to me, and I to the world.***

Galatians 6:14

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.** By his wounds you have been healed.*

I Peter 2:24

“Holiness starts where justification finishes, and if holiness does not start, we have the right to suspect that justification never started either.”



Donald G. Barnhouse

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:34-36

18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:18-21