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who you are



“Knowing Your Past Bondage to Sin”

Part II

Romans 6:3-10

As Christians, how are we related to our former sinful disposition?

- A. We are a new creation (II Cor 5:17)
- B. Our flesh (former self) has been crucified (Gal 5:24) and we now live the Spirit.
- C. We have put on the new self (Col 3:10).



“[Satan] is an expert tempter; and has now had the experience of several thousand years in the hellish trade. He has his devices for entrapping poor mortals, and knows how to suit his temptations, as they may best take.”



Thomas Boston
17 March 1676 - 20 May 1732

*As obedient children, do not be conformed
to the former lusts which were yours in
your ignorance.*

1 Peter 1:14

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)

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A Strong Answer:

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Key Point:

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

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- **A Helpful Application: *Where does that put us?* (vs. 3-10)**
 - **We are united in Christ's death and resurrection (vs. 3-5)**

*and all were baptized into Moses in
the cloud and in the sea,*

1 Corinthians 10:2

“Introduction ... of a person or thing into **a new environment** or **into union with something else** so as to alter its condition or its relationship to its previous environment or condition.”



Kenneth Wuest
1893 - December 27, 1961

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**We have a new covenant - I Corinthians
11:25.**

²⁶ *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.* ²⁷ *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

We have a new heart - Ezekiel 36:26-27.

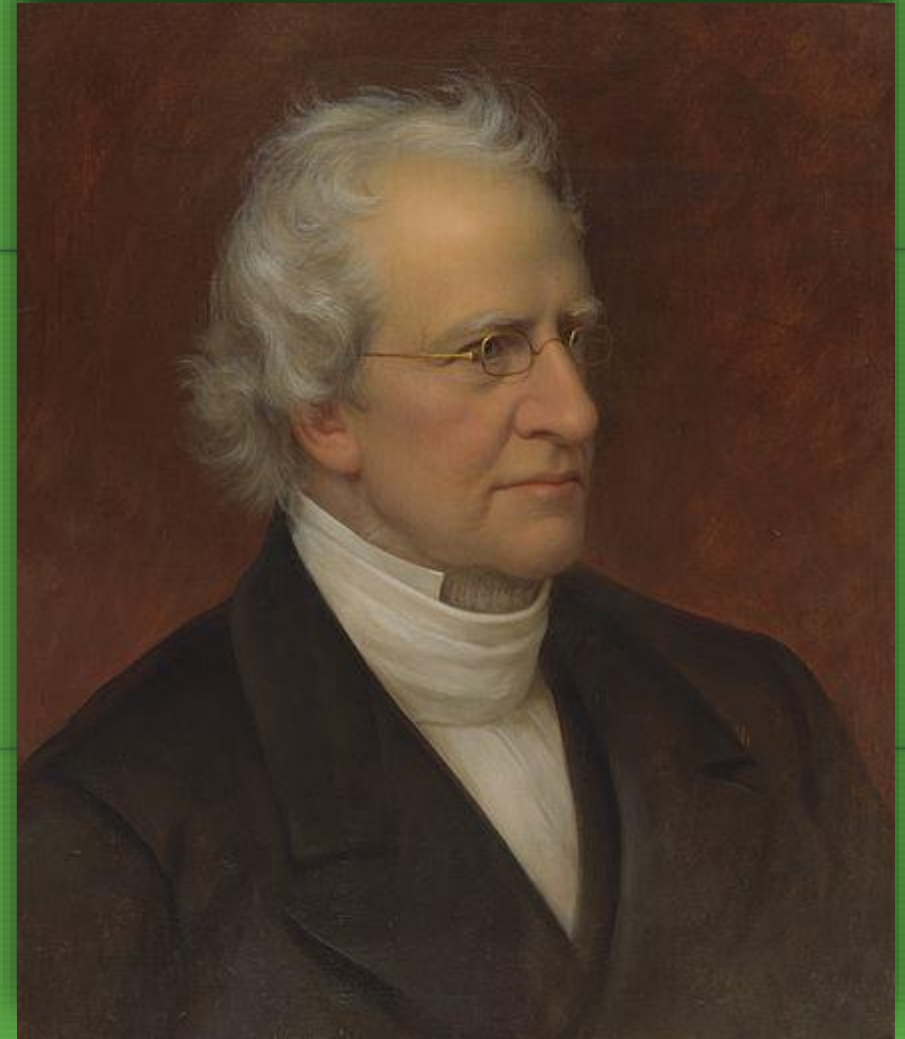
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

We are a new creation - II Corinthians 5:17.

*For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one
and has ¹⁵broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of
hostility by abolishing the law of commandments
expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself ¹⁶
one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and
might reconcile us both to God in one body through the
cross, thereby killing the hostility.*

**We are a new humanity - Ephesians 2:14-
16.**

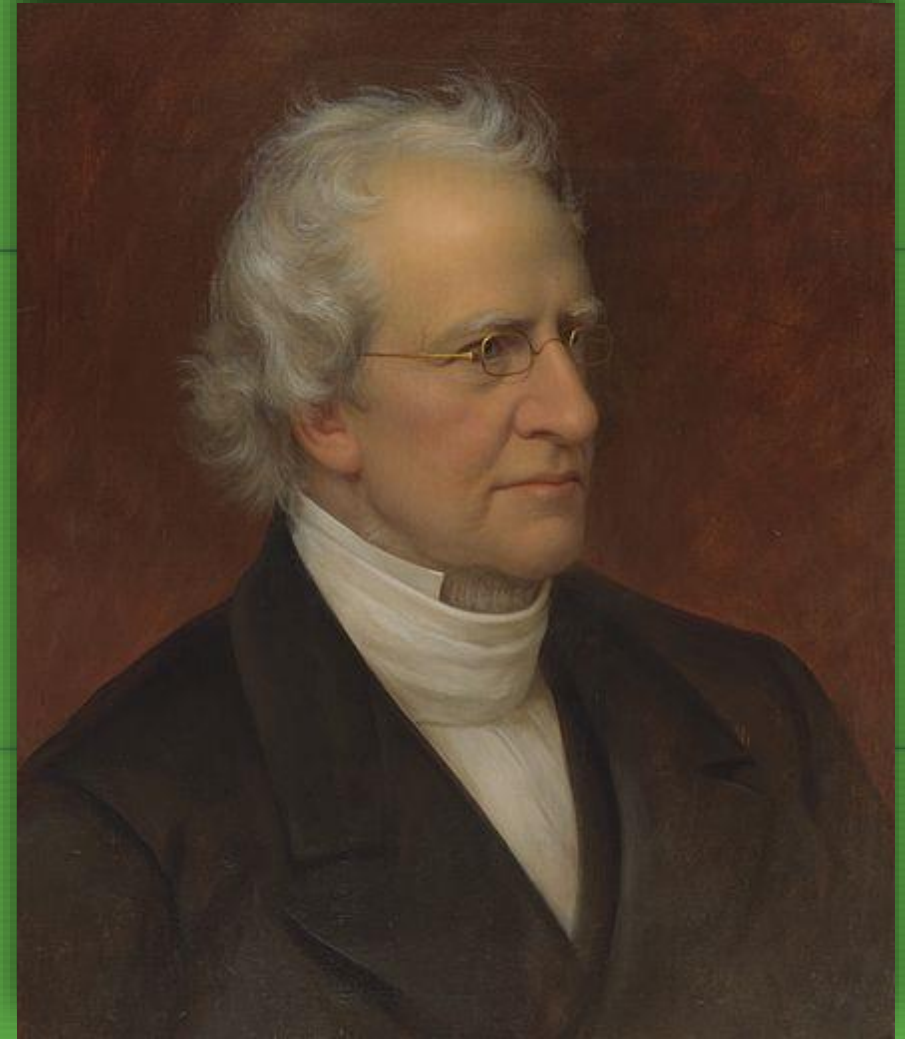
“There can be no participation in Christ’s life without a participation in his death, and we cannot enjoy the benefits of his death unless we are partakers of the power of his life. ...”



Charles Hodge

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“...We must be reconciled to God in order to be holy, and we cannot be reconciled without thereby becoming holy.”



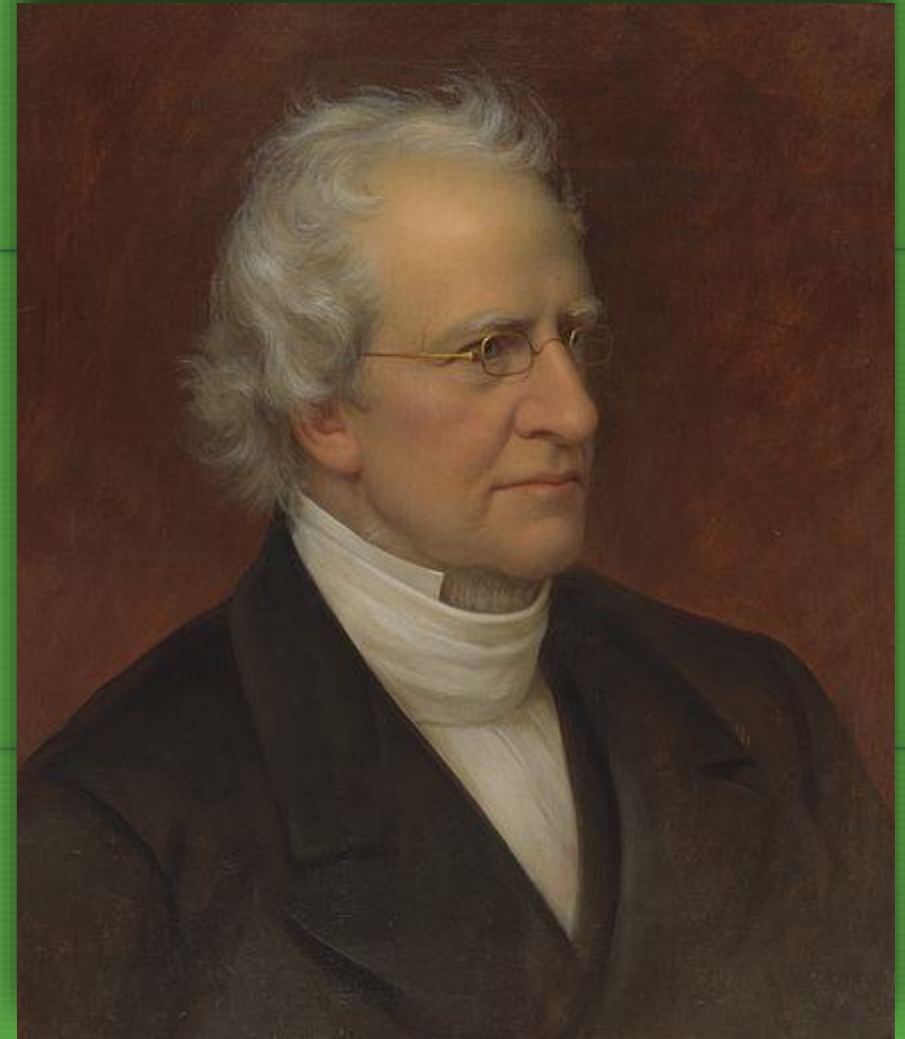
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*Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be
rooted up.*

Matthew 15:13

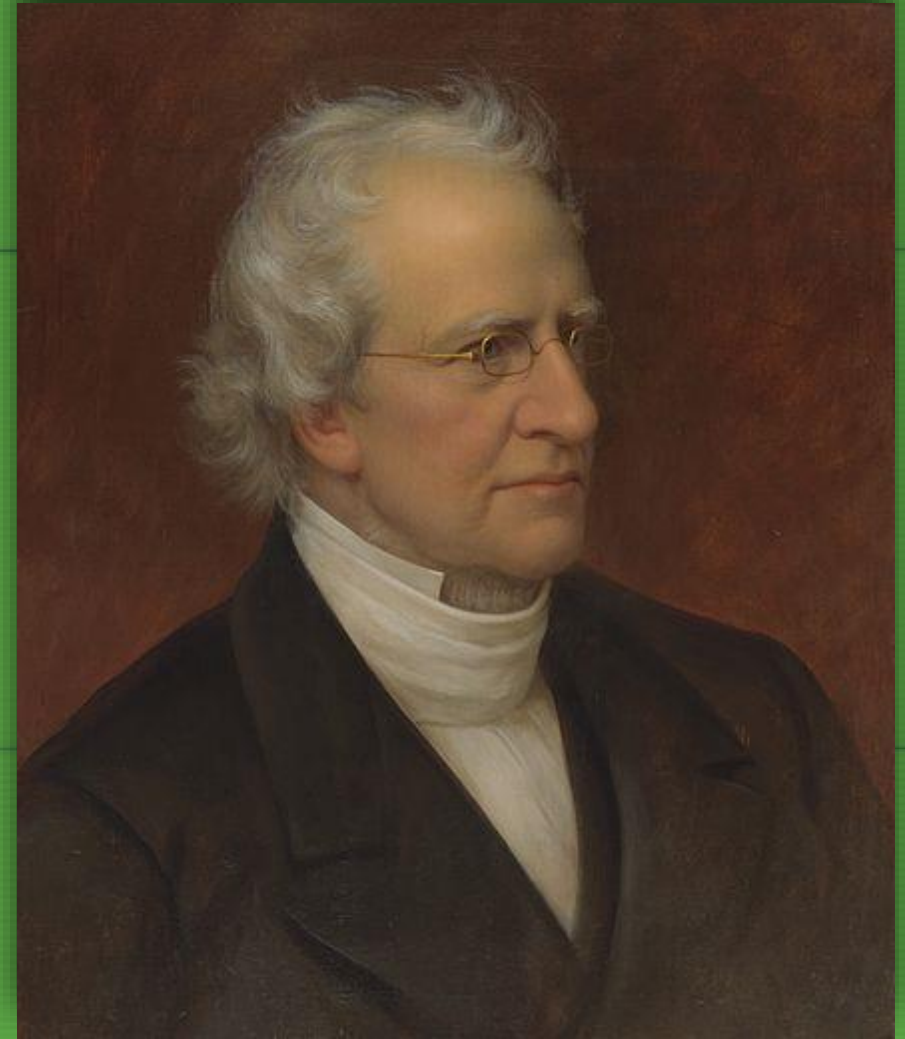
“As to its origin, it is of God – because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus. It is of Him; He was the efficient cause. It is to be referred to Him alone that you are in Christ. ...”



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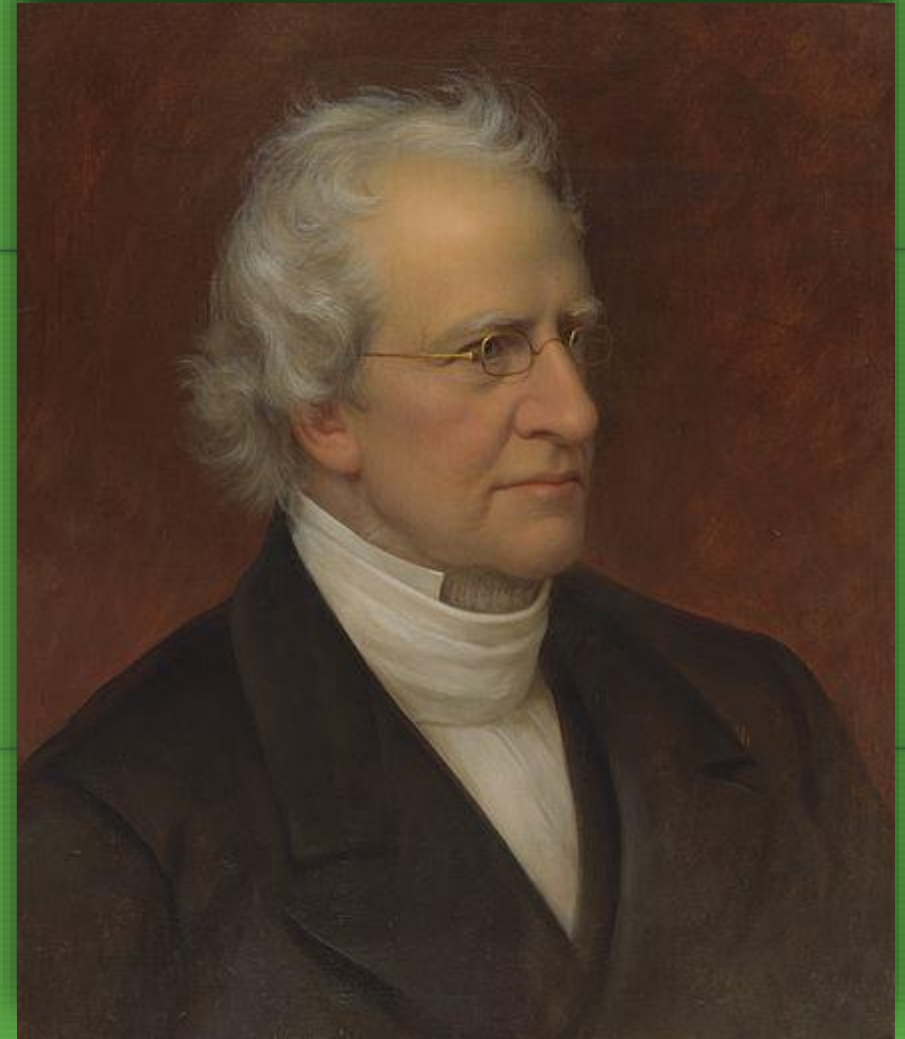
“...Your conversion or saving union with Christ is not due to yourselves; it is not because you are wiser or better or more diligent than others that you are thus distinguished. ...”



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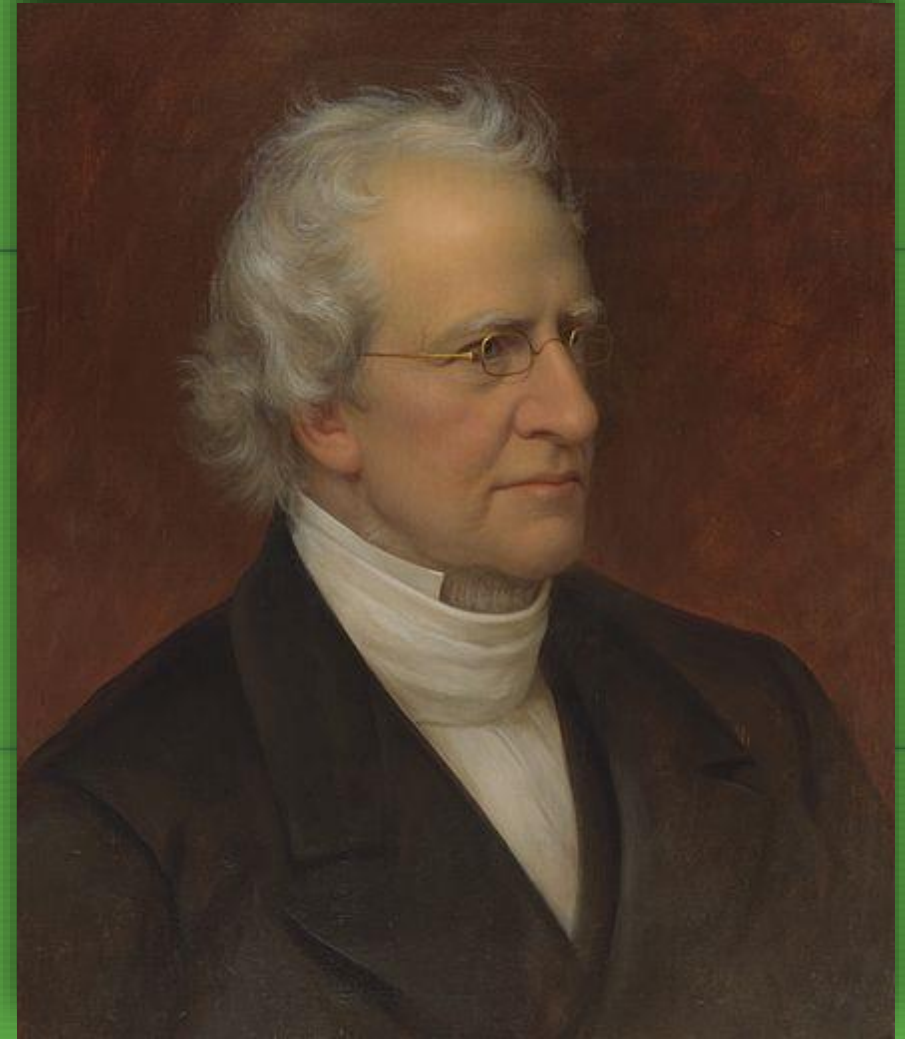
“...And it is not only asserted, but it is declared to be God’s purpose to make it apparent and to force everyone to acknowledge it. ...”



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“...He so dispenses His grace to make people see with regard to others and to acknowledge with regard to themselves that the fact that they are in Christ – true Christians – is due to Him and not in themselves.”



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*and raised us up with him and seated
us with him in the heavenly places in
Christ Jesus,*

Ephesians 2:6

*But our citizenship is in heaven, and
from it we await a Savior, the Lord
Jesus Christ,*

Philippians 3:20

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

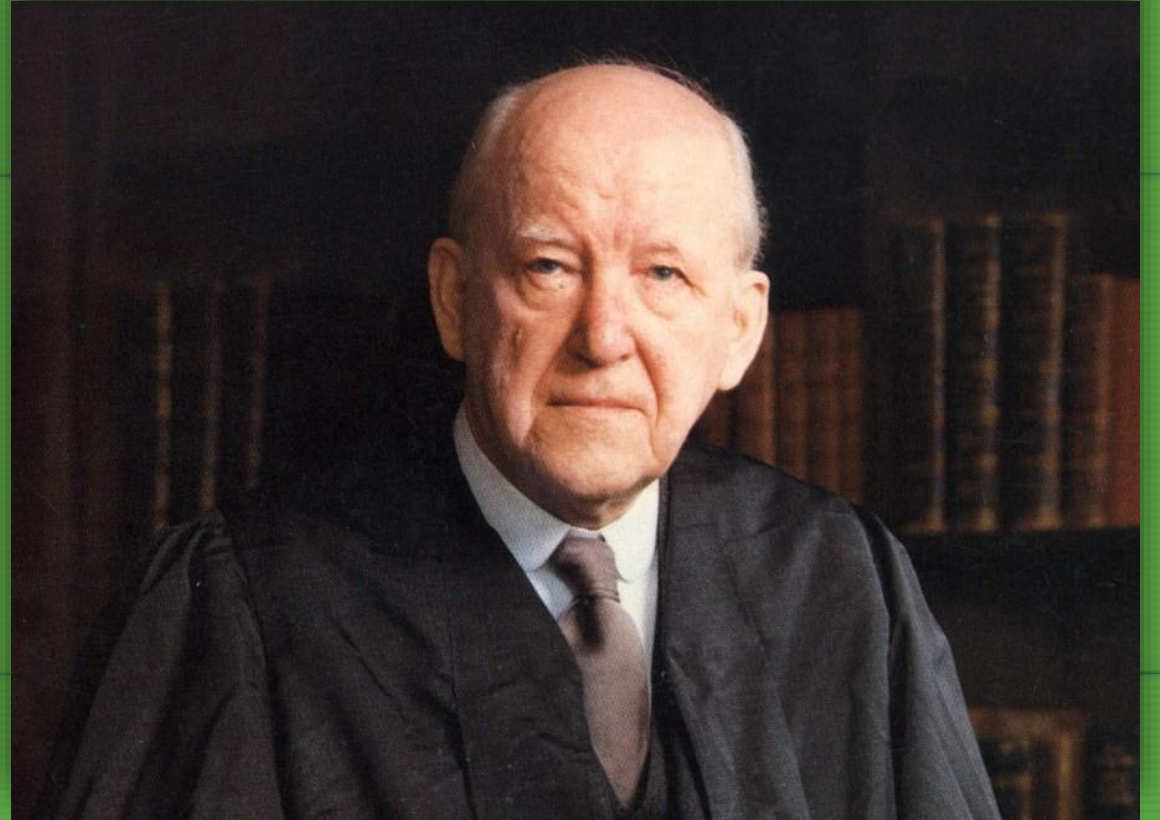
Why Was the Old Self Crucified?

1. So sin may be brought to nothing

- **Before The Fall** (in the Garden of Eden) - *posse peccare* - “able to sin”
- **After The Fall** - *non posse no peccare* - “not able to not sin”
- **After Salvation** - *posse non peccare* - “able not to sin”
- **In Heaven** - *non posse peccare* - “not able to sin”

2. So we would no longer be enslaved to sin

“If you are a Christian,
the man that you were in Adam
has gone out of existence;
he has no reality at all; you are in
Christ. If we but saw this as we
should, we would really begin to
live as Christians in this world.
We would all hold up our heads,
we would be able to defy sin and
Satan, we would rejoice in Christ
Jesus as we ought.”



Martyn Lloyd Jones

20 December 1899 - 1 March 1981

*There is therefore now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:1

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- Death will not be the final victor (vs. 8-10)

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

I Thessalonians 4:14-15

16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Hebrews 10:12

24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:24-26

*For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God, being
put to death in the flesh but made
alive in the spirit,*

1 Peter 3:18