

becoming  
who you are



**“Yielding Your Present Life to Righteousness”  
Part 2**

**Romans 6:15-19**

## Sin Has Been Called:

1. An impure thing (Isaiah 30:22)
2. A snake-like venom (Deut 32:33)
3. A filthy garment (Isaiah 64:6)
4. A defilement (II Cor 7:1)

<sup>10</sup> as it is written:

*“None is righteous, no, not one;*

*<sup>11</sup> no one understands;*

*no one seeks for God.*

*<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside;*

*together they have become worthless;*

*no one does good,*

*not even one.”*

**Romans 3:10-12**

*There is no fear of God before their eyes.*

**Romans 3:18**

*All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned – every one – to his own way.*

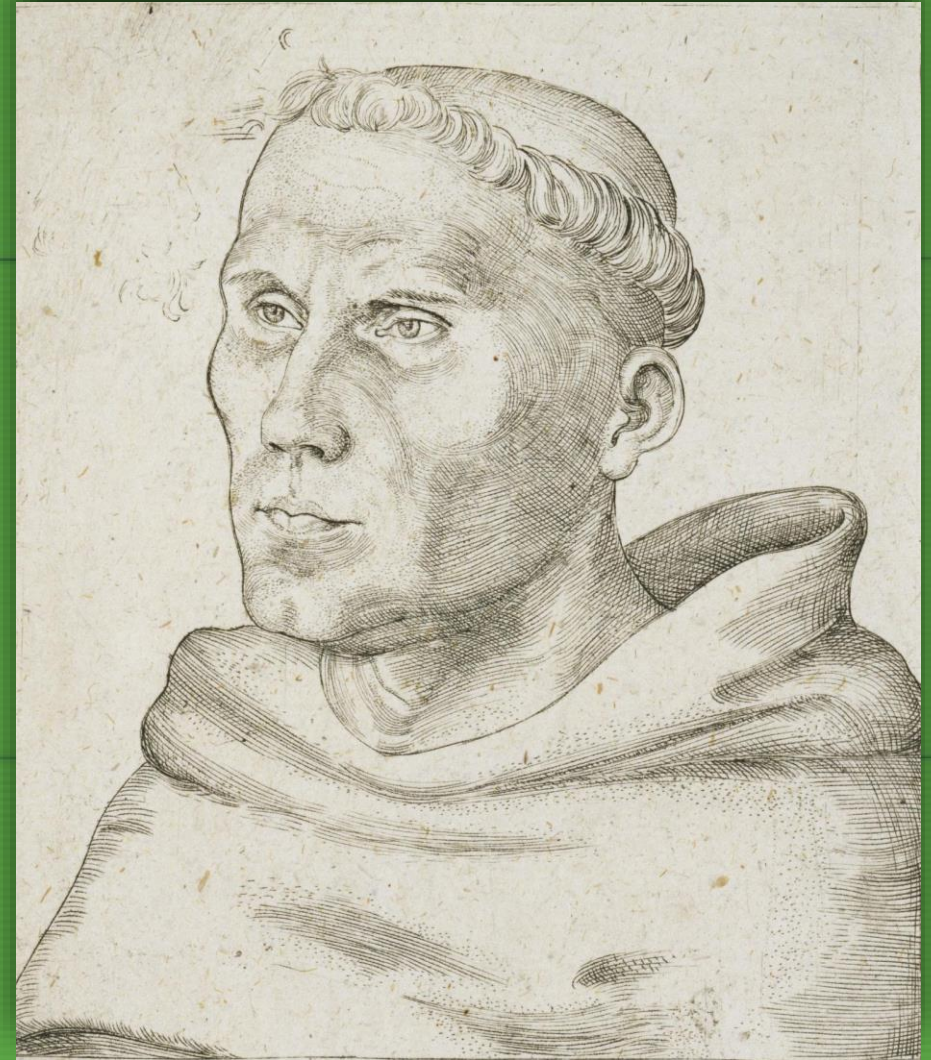
**Isaiah 53:6**

“All sin is linked together in a slimy tangle like a field of seaweed so that a man, once caught in its oozy fingers, is almost sure to drown.”



**Alexander Maclaren**

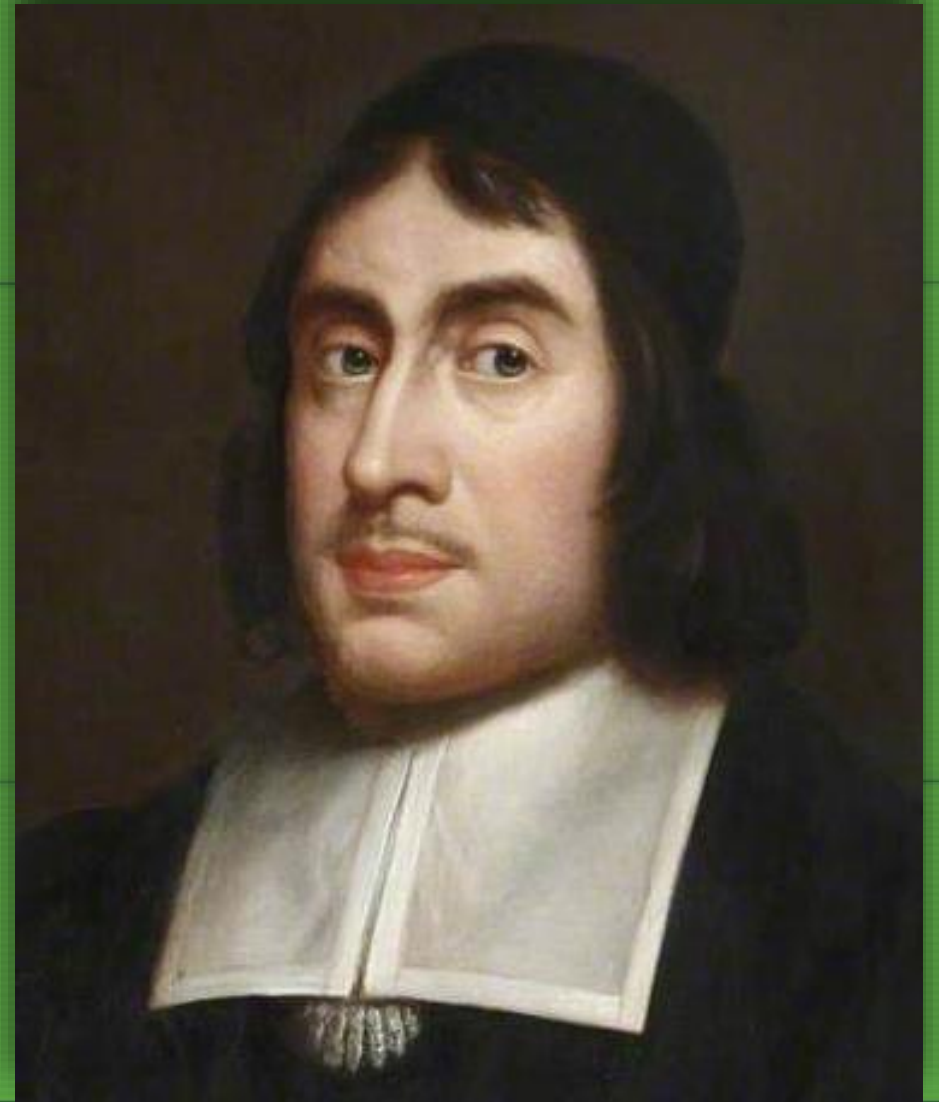
“The old Adam is  
drowned in  
baptism, but that  
[donkey] is a good  
swimmer.”



**Martin Luther**



“The pleasure of  
sin is soon gone,  
but the sting  
remains.”



**Thomas Watson**

# **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**

# **III. Romans 8 - Security in The Holy Spirit**

## Key Point:

Being free from sin means we live differently than we once did.

*<sup>17</sup> Now this I say and testify in the Lord,  
that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do,  
in the futility of their minds.*

*<sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding,  
alienated from the life of God because of the  
ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of  
heart. <sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have given  
themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice very  
kind of impurity ...*

## **Ephesians 4:17-19**

*<sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—  
<sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were  
taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,  
<sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former  
manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful  
desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your  
minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the  
likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

## **Ephesians 4:20-24**

## 5 Commands:

1. Know (vs. 11a)
2. Consider (vs. 11b)
3. Submit (vs. 12)
4. Offer (vs. 13-14)
5. Serve (vs. 15-34)

*even when we were dead in our  
trespasses, made us alive together with  
Christ—by grace you have been saved—*

**Ephesians 2:5**

*'No servant can serve two masters,  
for either he will hate the one and love  
the other, or he will be devoted to the  
one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God and money.*

**Luke 16:13**



- A provocative word
- Brings up images of oppression and abuse
- A real choice
- Somewhere between 30-40% of the population of the Roman Empire were slaves.

## **The Word “*Slaves*”**

*<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

**John 8:34-36**

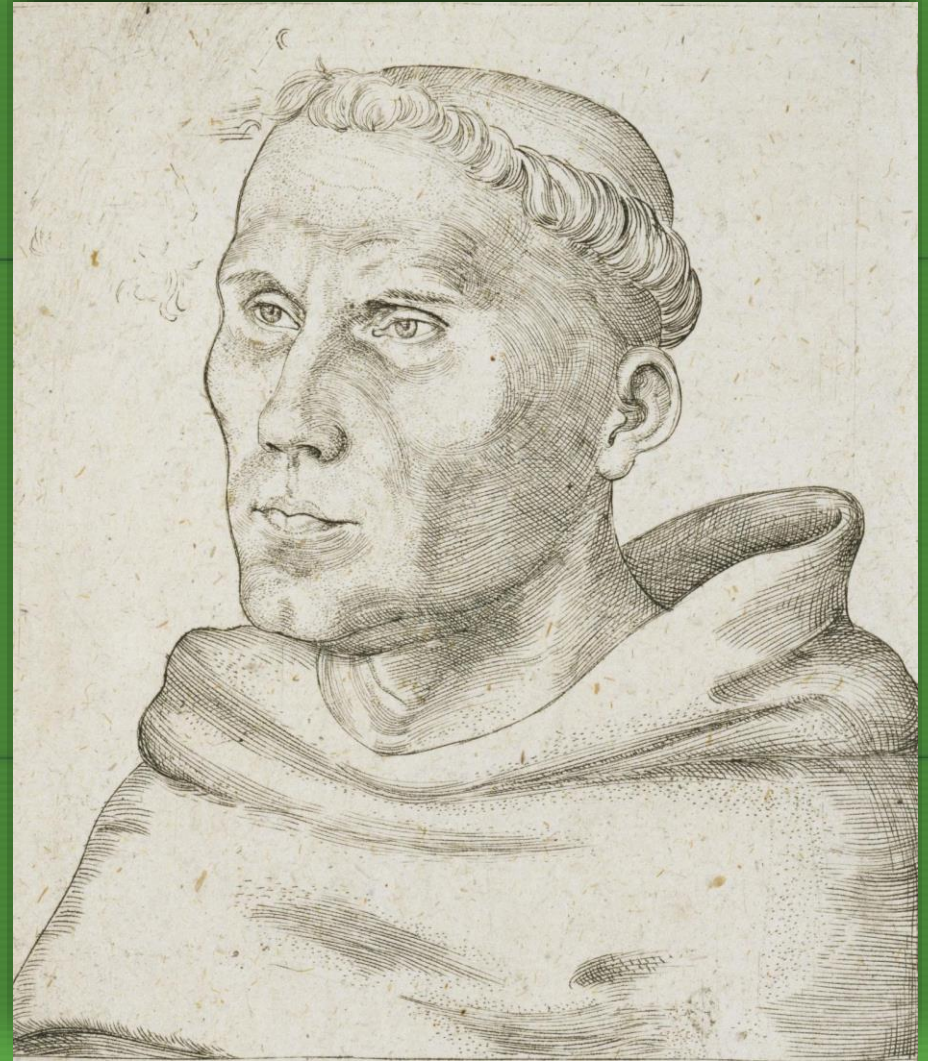
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<sup>12</sup> *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,*  
<sup>13</sup> *for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

**Philippians 2:12-13**

“We are not yet what we shall be but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished but is going on. This is not the end but it is the road.”



**Martin Luther**

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## 12 Descriptions of Holiness by J.C. Ryle:

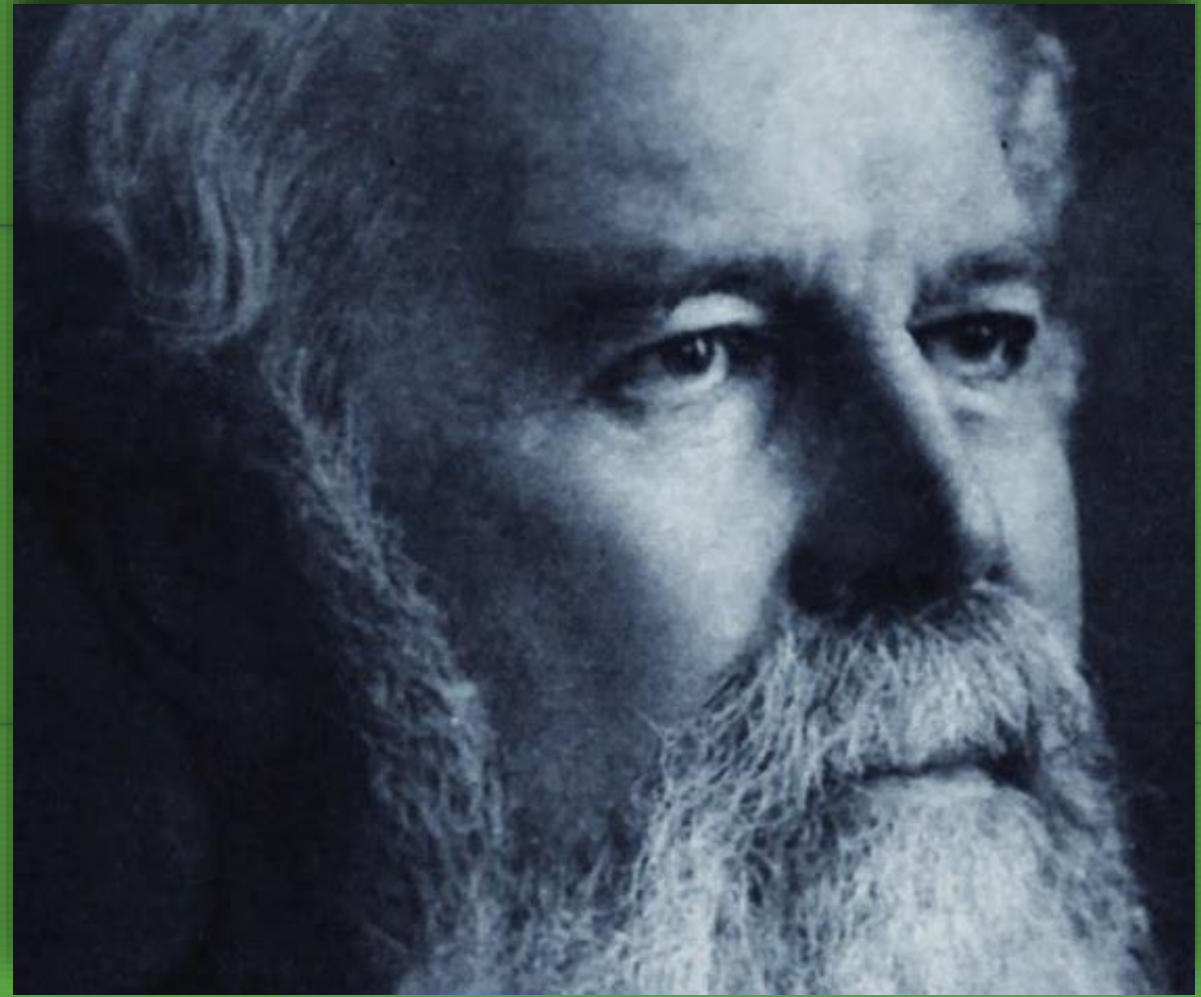
1. Being of one mind with God
2. Shunning every known sin
3. Striving to be like our Lord Jesus Christ
4. Being meek, long-suffering, gentle, patient, kind tempered, governing our tongue
5. Being temperate and self-denying

## **12 Descriptions of Holiness by J.C. Ryle:**

6. Having charity and brotherly kindness
7. Being merciful and benevolent
8. Having a pure heart
9. Fearing God
10. Being humble
11. Being faithful in all the duties and relations in life
12. Being spiritually minded

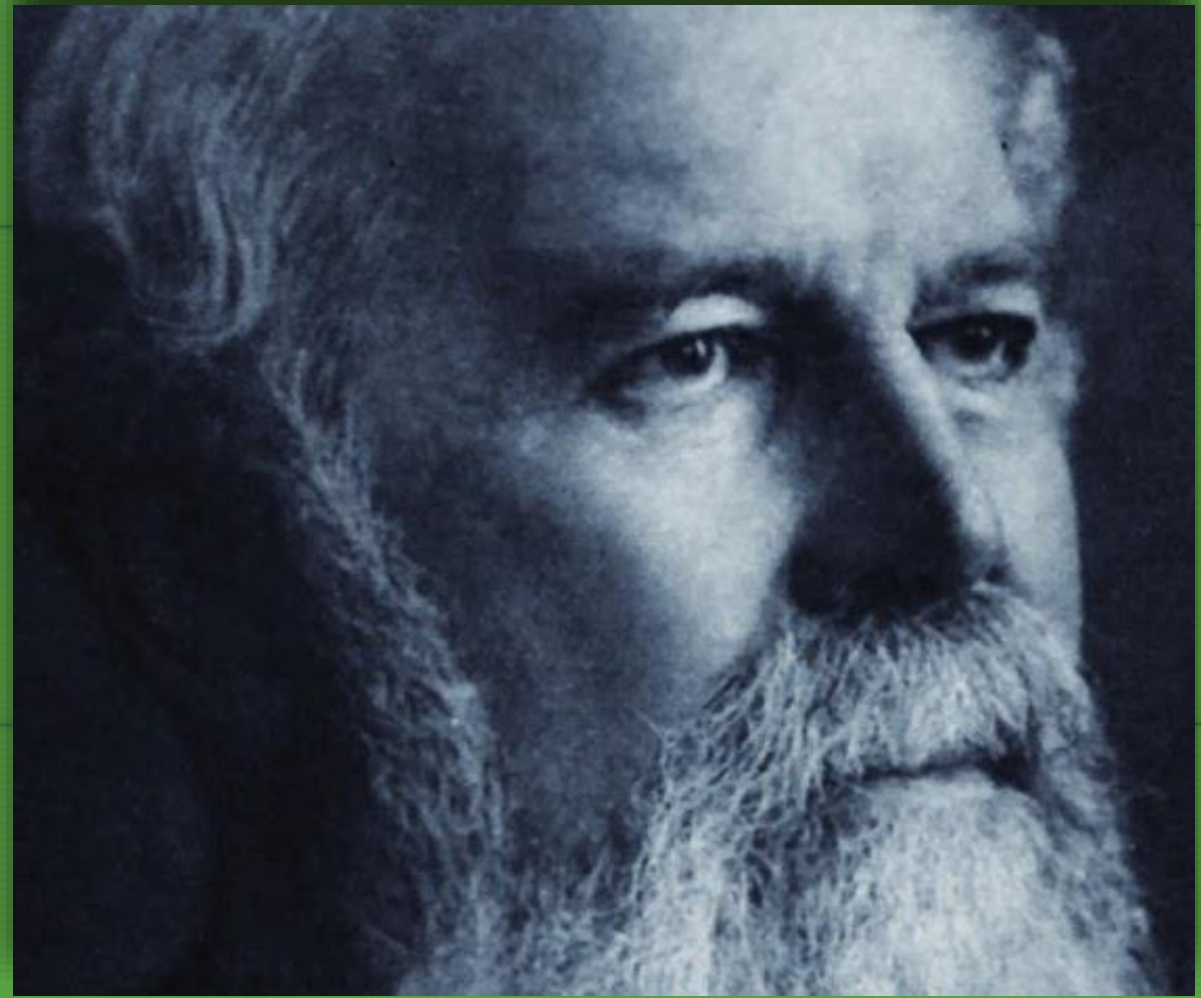


“And sanctification in the very best is an imperfect work. The history of the brightest saints that ever lived will contain many a ‘but,’ and ‘howbeit,’ and ‘notwithstanding,’ before you reach the end. ...”



**J. C. Ryle**

“...The gold will never  
be without some  
dross – the light will  
never shine without  
some clouds...”



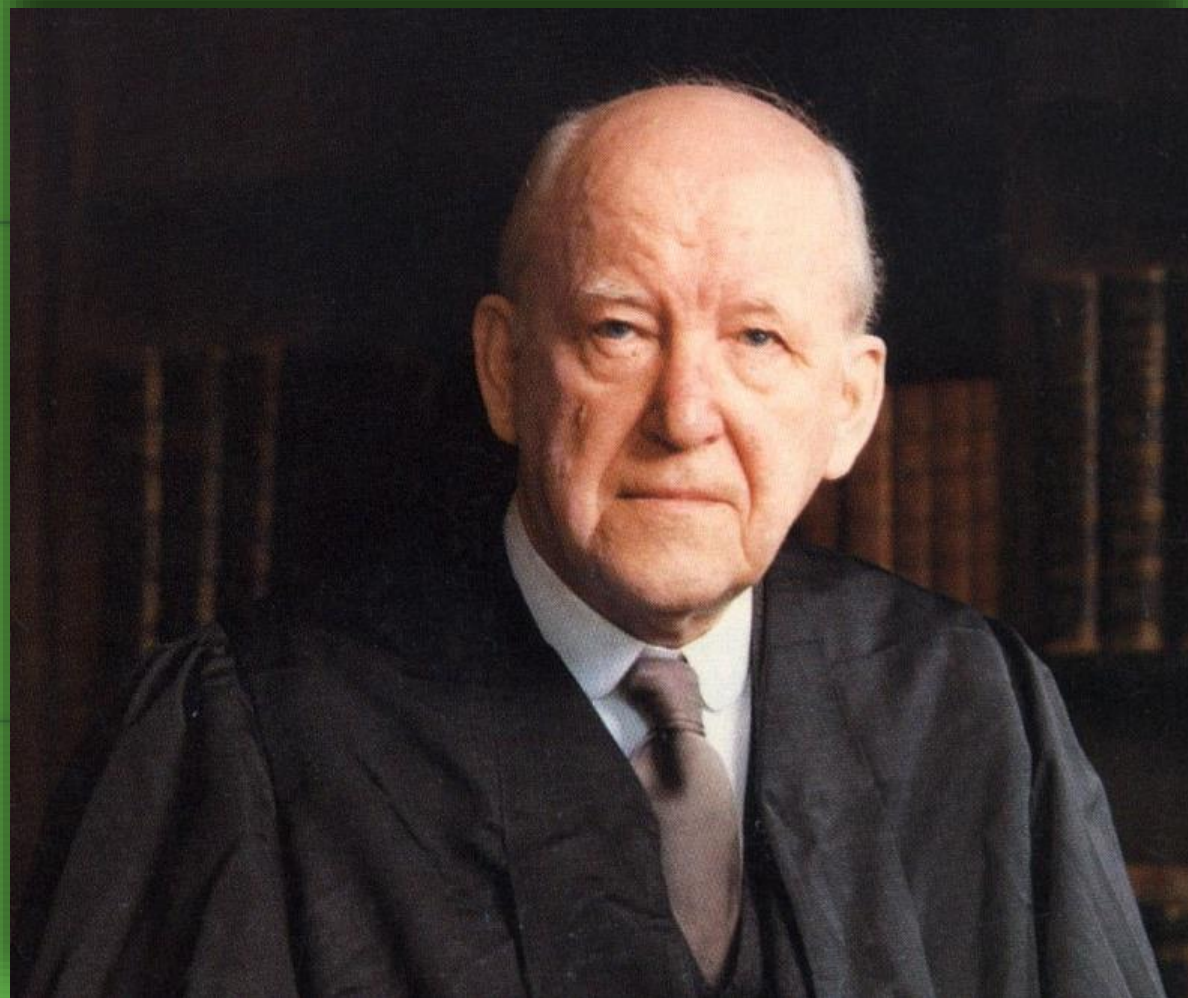
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*“As you go on living this righteous life, and practicing it with all your might and energy, and all your time... you will find that the process that went on before, in which you went on from bad to worse and became viler and viler, is entirely reversed. ...”*



**Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

*“...You will become cleaner and cleaner, and purer and purer, and holier and holier, and more and more conformed unto the image of the Son of God.”*



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