

“Wine and Milk (17): Repeat after Me—‘I Reckon I’m Dead’”

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The alarming statistics in Ronald Sider’s *The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience*

Romans 6:5

◆ “United with Christ in his death”

- Romans chs \_\_\_\_\_
- The great truth of *justification*
- What God in Christ has \_\_\_\_\_

◆ “United with Christ in his resurrection”

- Romans chs \_\_\_\_\_
- The great truth of *sanctification*
- What you in Christ must \_\_\_\_\_ .

◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the everlasting gospel always precedes the \_\_\_\_ .

- When we concentrate on the \_\_\_\_\_ and forget the \_\_\_\_\_ , that’s called “cheap grace” or “antinomianism.”
- When we concentrate on the \_\_\_\_\_ and forget the \_\_\_\_\_ , that’s called “legalism” or “pharisee-ism.”

Romans 6:6-12

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ slaves are freed from their masters.

◆ “The death he died [on the cross], he died to \_\_\_\_\_ .”

- A victory that “needs no second \_\_\_\_\_ , and leaves no second \_\_\_\_\_ .”
- John 1:29—“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.”

◆ Paul’s two-prong offensive strategy against sin in our lives:

■ Offensive Strategy #1—Attitude of the \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ or “consider” or “count” yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to God in Christ Jesus.

● L. E. Maxwell in *Embrace the Cross*:

“Have you longed and sighed to be Christlike? You have said to the Lord Jesus, ‘Oh, I do so want to be like You, because You have done so much for me; but it seems as though I never can be good.’ Beloved, begin at once to reckon upon your death-resurrection position in Christ. Count by naked faith upon *the fact* of your union with Christ. In blind abandonment, as far as feelings are concerned, move out by a definite act of faith, trusting Christ to make real your life-union with Him. Sink your life into His, and let Him be your life, your light, your victory, your all. . . . Let the glory of this vital union grip you, and you can never be the same again.” (52)

● A simple prayer you and I can keep praying:

“O God—I feel the force and fury of my temptations. But I remember that Jesus died to take away my sin. And because I died with Him and rose with Him in baptism, I choose to reckon my self dead to sin, my sin. And I choose to reckon my self alive in You through Christ. Amen.”

● TM 147, 148:

“Through faith, irrespective of feeling, Jesus, the Author of our salvation, the Finisher of our faith, will, by His precious grace, strengthen the moral powers, and the sinner may reckon himself ‘to be

dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ.' Simple faith, with the love of Christ in the soul, unites the believer to God."

- **Offensive Strategy #2—Action of the \_\_\_\_\_**
  - "Do not let sin \_\_\_\_\_ in your mortal \_\_\_\_\_."
  - *It's not enough to have an \_\_\_\_\_ —you need to take an \_\_\_\_\_ !*
  - It isn't enough to just say \_\_\_\_\_ —it's imperative you must also say \_\_\_\_\_ !
  - *Desire of Ages 466:*

**"In the work of redemption there is no compulsion. No external force is employed. Under the influence of the Spirit of God, man is left free to choose whom he will serve. In the change that takes place when the soul surrenders to Christ, there is the highest sense of freedom. *The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself.*" (466)**

◆ **Romans 6:22—*Life is always the choice between two \_\_\_\_\_ .***

- **"You are \_\_\_\_\_ to the one whom you obey." (v 16)**

"Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free;  
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be."  
George Matheson

1-5, Done, 6-8, Do, Done, Do, Done, Do, Do, Done, Dead, sin, fight, foe, sin, Mind, "Reckon", dead, alive, Body, reign, body, attitude, action, NO, GO, masters, slaves