



Romans 1-8

Sanctification

ROMANS

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The Justice of God Revealed

Positional Sanctification

D. Romans 6:11 – Positional Sanctification made practical: Counting on your new identity with Christ

1. This verse gives the first imperative command for Christians in the **book** of Romans.

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2. While it is wonderful to know our position in Christ, knowledge alone is not enough.
 - a) What you know does not help you unless you count on it by faith.
 - b) You can know that you were placed into the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and yet never benefit from it.

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3. Romans 6:11 – What are you going to do with your knowledge of verses 1-10?

a) *Likewise consider* (reckon)... What does it mean to consider, or reckon?

1) The Greek verb for *reckon* is LOGIZOMAI, an accounting and mathematics term, used at least 20 times in Romans.

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- 2) Math and accounting deal with realities and certainties. For example: two plus two always equals four. With math, what is true today is also true tomorrow.
- 3) To reckon is to count on the facts, to personally count something as factual.

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- 4) For example, God reckoned LOGIZOMAI Abraham as right with Himself when Abraham believed.
Romans 4:3
- 5) God asks you to count these truths to be true! Since you trusted Christ for salvation, God now counts Christ's death as your death and Christ's standing as your standing.

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- 6) Plainly stated, reckoning is walking daily by faith in the truth of who you are now in Christ.

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b) What exactly does God command you to count on, or reckon?

1) Romans 6:11a – First, you are to consider/ count/*reckon yourselves to be dead* [indeed KJV] *to sin...*

Colossians 2:20, 3:1-3

a. In your co-crucifixion with Christ (Romans 6:6), you died to sin (singular) - the sin nature.

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- b. Because you died to its realm and its reach, the sin nature does not have rights over you. Christ's death on the cross separated you from the sin nature's power over you.

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- 2) Romans 6:11b – Second, you are to consider (count/reckon) yourselves to be alive unto God. Colossians 3:4
- 3) Romans 6:11c – Third, this reckoning is possible because you are in Christ Jesus. You have a positional relationship with Jesus in His crucifixion and resurrection.

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- c) What reckoning is not
 - 1) It is not creative or imaginative thinking.
 - 2) It is not you trying to convince yourself that this is true.

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- 3) It is not existentialism, in which what you believe becomes your personal truth.
- 4) It is not positive thinking.

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d) Where does that leave you?

- 1) Your co-crucifixion with Christ is true of you whether or not you believe it.
- 2) Whether or not you count on/reckon it to be true determines its value to you.

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E. Romans 6:12-14 – Practical ramifications of positional Sanctification: Presenting yourself as a slave to the Lord must be based on your new identity with Christ. John 8:34, 2 Peter 2:19

1. Some important Lordship facts to observe in the book of Romans

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- a) The Lordship of Christ is mentioned at the end of Romans 5-8 (Romans 5:21, 6:23, 7:25, 8:39), making Lordship a prevailing issue in the passages concerning our sanctification. (also in Romans 6:11 NKJV)
- b) In Romans 6:12-23, Paul used 22 terms to refer to lordship and slavery: *Slaves* or *enslaved* 8 times; to *present* 5 times; to *obey* or *obedience* 5 times; *free* from 2 times, *reign* 1 time; *master* 1 time.

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2. Romans 6:12 – By faith, you are to resist the reign of the sin nature in your life.
 - a) *Therefore...* in light of Romans 6:11, by faith, reckon that in Christ you are dead to sin and alive unto God.
 - b) *Do not let sin* (singular, thus, the sin nature) reign *in your mortal bodies that you should obey its lusts.*

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3. Romans 6:13 – By faith, present: God calls you to present your body as an instrument of righteousness unto Him.
 - a) The first command is to **STOP** (as one who is now dead to sin) presenting the members of your body to the sin nature as tools of unrighteousness. This is done by faith not human determination.

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- b) The second command is to **START** (as one who is now alive from the dead), presenting yourself and the members of your body to God as His tool for righteousness.

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4. Romans 6:14 – Why worry about presenting ourselves? We present ourselves to God so that sin (the sin nature) will not be master over us.
 - a) The first reason you present yourself to God is because *you are not under Law.*
 - 1) Law-keeping or legalism is not your master. Romans 7:7-8