

- **Identity Series #6**
- **Living in the Power of the New Creation**
- **Part 2**
- Start off with a quiz to see where you are:
- -Look at 10 categories comparing you to Jesus. Rate yourself 1 to 10, if Jesus is a 10, where are you?
- **How much...**
- Anointing (not allowed to use negative numbers)
- Authority over sickness
- Authority over the devil
- Access to God the Father
- Power for miracles
- Joy is in you
- Peace do you have
- Ability to Love
- Victory over sin
- **Of course, this quiz was a trick quiz.**
- -You have the same power as Jesus has
- -the same authority over sickness
- -the same love
- -the same victory over sin
- *How does Christ **actually** become manifest in our lives?*
- -*How does He live through us?*
- -*How do you say, “**Shazam**” and access what is true of you?*
- Last week we started looking at three words that will open up a whole world of living the Christian life.
- **“Know”** was the **first word** we looked at.
- **Romans 6:3 Do you not **know** that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**
- *Why did Paul say this?*
- -Because they weren’t living like they **knew** this.
- You have to **KNOW**, by revelation of the Spirit, that some things happened to you.
- **“Know”** is the **first word** we looked at last week .
- This week we’ll look at two other words from Romans 6
- -**“Consider”** or in some of the older translations, **“Reckon”**
- -**“Present”** yourself
- **It comes back to this one thing: the history of Jesus Christ in His death and His resurrection and His ascension,**
- **-the Bible said He did it as us and He did it for us.**
- **-His history is now our history.**
- **Everything that Jesus achieved is now ours as much as it is His**
- -Jesus got what we deserved so we could get what He deserved.
- The very life of Christ has been **infused** into your life,
- -we can never again define our life apart from Christ

- Paul summed it up like this, **“For me to live is Christ...” (Phil. 1:21)**
- **“Christ, who is our life” (Col. 3:4)**
- **(Gal. 2:20)**
- **I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)**
- You have received the very life of Christ into you
- -Jesus lives inside of you without making you a puppet
- First, you have to **know** it
- This week, I want to look at two other words in Romans 6.-Let’s start reading in v. 8
- **⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must **consider** yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**
- **“consider”**
- **The second word we are going to look at is “consider”**
- -Or in some of the older translations, **“Reckon”**
- When you **“consider”** something, it does not cause anything to happen
- -When you **“consider”** you are **taking an inventory or an assessment of a condition that already exists.**
- Therefore, the state of being dead to sin and fully alive to God already exists for us as Christians,
- -but we must seize this benefit by **considering** it to be so.
- When you consider, it means **“to regard oneself as”;**
- It means **“to consider and to keep it constantly before you.”**
- -You **know** this is true and so now **regard** yourself in this light, because this is reality.
- -It means **to draw a logical conclusion.**
- The moment you look to your **feelings** instead of looking at the truth of the what Christ has done for you, you are in trouble.
- **“Do I feel dead? Do I feel as if I am resurrected?”**
- It's like you are taking your spiritual pulse every other minute:
- **-Am I alive or am I dead?**
- **-Am I experiencing resurrection peace?**
- **-Do I feel strength from God?**
- **-Do I feel anointed?**
- That constant turning inward is not **“considering.”**
- **-That is confusion.**
- Your feelings will fluctuate, and all the fluctuations of feelings are basically lies
- -Feelings go up and down.
- -You're dealing with chemistry when it comes in feelings and not facts.
- **Consider** means that **we begin to look at life from this new perspective**
- If you know any bookkeeper, they are exact to the penny.

- -If they are one penny short, they will stay up all night trying to find where the penny went.
- -That is the word that is used here.
- You **consider** the facts.
- -A bookkeeper cannot exaggerate the books.
- -And certainly, cannot be one penny under.
- **If this is true of Christ, then this must be the case with me.**
- -God has placed you in Christ and then He says you are dead to sin just as surely as Christ is dead to sin.
- -And the true you, you are just as alive to God as Jesus is, no more, no less.
- **(ILL)** Let's say you are totally broke, and on the verge of filing bankruptcy.
- -You lost your job
- -Everything has been shut off
- -Credit cards are maxed
- -You are in a hopeless situation
- -You are completely helpless to change your circumstances
- You may have those old feelings of **"How am I going to pay this bill?"**
- -Because that is all you have known your whole life
- But something has drastically changed all of that.
- -As you **consider** what has happened, you are now positioned to act differently.
- **You are now positioned to access the full power of your bank account.**
- If you lived like it never happened, you could have this unlimited wealth
- -but never tap into it.
- -Because you either didn't **know** or didn't **consider** what you had
- **The Gospel** is the call to rest, to receive the free, undeserved gift that God has given us in Christ.
- -There is nothing man can do to earn salvation from his past, or his present acceptance and walk with God.
- -It is, from beginning to end, the grace of God, which can only be received by faith.
- The heart of the Christian life is to stand in wonder before His love and say, **"Thank You!"**
- **"The Gospel is not a call to do something, but the announcement that all is done in the One Who stood for all."**
- **And so, you begin to consider life through the lens of Christ,**
- -who is your life
- -You don't rely on feelings, because they will lie
- You face each day with the knowledge that **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**
- **"For me to live is Christ,"**
- -Life is now defined as **"Christ in me, the hope of glory"**
- **Third word:**
- **Present** Romans 6:12-14
- ¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not **present** the members of your body to sin as instruments [weapons] for

unrighteousness but **present** yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments [weapon] for righteousness.

¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

- The “members of your body,” includes:
 - -your imagination,
 - -your emotions, which would, if given a chance, have a mind of their own.
- This is where the **possibility of sin** is.
- **-There is no possibility of sin in the true me.**
- **-I am in Christ.**
- **But in the members of my flesh, the unredeemed part of me,**
 - -my appetites,
 - -my desires,
 - -my thoughts,
 - -my imaginations,
 - -my speech,
 - -my emotions
- **So, Paul says,**
- **“Stop allowing your flesh to reign as King in your body. Stop putting your body at the disposal of sin to be a weapon for satan. No! Put yourself at the disposal of God because you are dead to those old ways. Present your body to God to be a mighty weapon for righteousness in His hand!**
- **And so, you present yourself,**
 - your body, your mind, your emotions, to God moment by moment.
- Whenever a difficult situation comes up and that is just a **trigger** for you to hear Christ in your heart say, **“I AM.”**
- **Then you look into His face and all that He is and you say, “You are! That is all I need to know! Thank you. You are more than enough.”**
- **You Know** what Christ has done!
 - -You **Consider** your life and this situation from that perspective,
- -Now you **present** yourself to Him, resting in Him and allowing Him to be all He has revealed Himself to be.
- You are not struggling to have enough faith to meet a problem situation,
 - -Faith does not come from who we are
 - -but from Who He is
- **...run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of faith...(Heb. 12:1, 2)**
- Faith is a response, and so it can only respond to the level it has seen and heard.
 - -Our faith responds to increased revelation
- *So, how do I get the life of God to flow in my life?*
 - -How do I become a functioning branch in the vine?
- **I want to play Tennis!!!**
- For days, I pore over the books, memorizing the rules and strategies.
 - -I stand awkwardly in my living room and hold my arms in the positions shown in the pictures.

- I am now convinced that I am ready to play,
- -so, I buy my matching tennis outfit and sweat bands,
- -a tennis racquet
- -some tennis balls,
- -and I head for the tennis courts.
- **I would have to understand that!!**
- if I insisted on trying to play,
- -then the champion within me would let me return to my bumbling and making a fool of myself;
- -the two of us could not play at the same time.
- Standing on the court, freely admitting that I can't play, I choose to hand over to him.
- -I **present my body to him, as an instrument for tennis playing**
- **Christ Jesus, by His Spirit, lives within us.**
- We **present** our bodies to Him
- -we rest in Him when we choose to let Him play the game of life in us and us.
- It is one leap of faith that declares He is our life and, later, a million choices of faith as every challenge is presented.
- **You face an impossible situation—that is a trigger to Present Yourself to God**
- -A situation at **home** that you can't stand coming home to
- -A sinful **habit** you can't seem to break
- -A **sickness** where there is no hope
- -A **difficult person**
- -A lack of provision
- And from your heart you say, **"Jesus, I cannot, but You can, and that is all I need to know. Let's go!"**
- So, the Christian life is summed up as the consciousness that He lives within us
- -We **know** it
- -We **consider** it
- And we **present** ourselves to Him and draw upon His infinite life in **every** situation we find ourselves in.
- **This means that as we grow in Christ and become mature.**
- -we will have an increasing sense of our weakness
- -a sense of our inability to play tennis on our own
- And learn to more and more to live from His strength
- -We let the Coach play the game through us and not on our own
- **I no longer live, but Christ lives in me"**
- **"Christ in you, the hope of glory"—**
- The hope of this world seeing what God is truly Like.
- **CLOSING: Pray Eph. 1:16-23**
- **¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,**

- **¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**