



**Series: Freedom (Romans 6-7)**

**Title: Real People Reckon Rightly**

**Scripture: Romans 6:10-23**

**2025 Summer Scripture: Romans Road (ESV) 1:20; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 8:37-39**

How do you reckon (consider) yourself? (Romans 6:11, 5-6)

- Change begins with how you see yourself (identity) (v. 11)
- Your identity must come from what God says about you in His Word:

***I am created*** through Christ and for Christ, therefore I am not my own. (Col. 1:16, 1 Cor. 6:19)

***I am fallen*** and sin against my Creator, therefore I fall short often. (Rom. 3:23)

***I am a blood-bought sinner***, purchased by God, therefore I am not a slave to sin. (Rom. 6:17; 1 Cor. 7:23)

***I am redeemed*** and reconciled to God, therefore my sins are forgiven by grace and I glorify God with my body through grace. (Col. 1:14)

***I am a saint*** and sanctified in Christ Jesus, therefore I am called out of the world to go back into the world to call others out of the world. (1 Cor. 1:2)

***I am a member of the body of Christ***, therefore I belong to, benefit from, and suffer for the sake of the church family. (Eph. 3:6, Col. 1:18, 24)

***I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God***, therefore I carry the treasure of Christ's gospel and I am empowered by Christ to share that which cannot be exhausted. (1 Cor. 3:16, 2 Cor. 6:16)

This is my identity and nothing else will define me. My gifts of gender, race, language, abilities, dwelling, vocation, desires, and affinities all serve my identity in Christ. 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)

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Who has the authority to identify you?

- The One who raised Jesus from the Dead. (God the Father - Galatians 1:1)
- The Author of Life. (God the Son - Acts 3:15)
- The One who created you gets to identify you. (Triune God Col. 3:15–20)
- You do not have the authority to identify yourself or change your God-given identity.  
However, you do have the power to:
  - Conceal your true identity.
  - Confuse your true identity.
  - Confess your true identity.
- God reckons you as united with Christ. (vs. 5-6)
  - Dead to sin.
  - Raised to walk in the newness of life.
  - Instrument of righteousness.

How do you reckon with sin? (Romans 6:15 & 1)

- God's power as an instrument of righteousness.
  - Justification - I'm saved from the penalty of sin. (the past work is a present reality)
  - Glorification - I'm saved from the presence of sin. (the future work is a present reality)
  - Sanctification - I'm saved from the power of sin. (the present work is a perpetually present reality)
- Your natural limitations as a fallen human. (v. 19)
  - We play with our broken chains of sin.
  - We stay in the unlocked cell of sin we've been freed from.
- Sin is still powerful but it is powerless over me.

How do you reckon with sanctification? (Romans 6:16-19, 21-23)

- Obey from the heart. (v. 17)
- Commit to the Word of God (not your words or the world's words). (v. 17)
- Sacrifice your time, treasures, and talents to the Lord and His work. (v. 19)
- Use the free gift God gave you. (v. 23)

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