



Do You Not Know?

Romans 6:3-7 (Topical Message)

The Older I Get -

I find that I know somethings, but I will never know everything. And sometimes I feel like I know nothing!

In other words, there is so much information in the world today that is available to be known, and I know only a small portion of what can be known!

Why?

Because there is a **knowledge & information explosion** going on today. Knowledge & information is exponentially increasing day after day & year after year!

There is a rapid increase in the amount of **knowledge & information** available in the world today that is being made known. As that amount of available knowledge & information grows, the **problem** of understanding this information becomes **more** difficult, which leads to **information overload**.

What about the Bible as a source of knowledge & information?

As a new believer in my mid 20's, I made it a point to learn the scriptures because it's the word of God, and it narrows the amount of information that's the most important to know in the life of a Christian.

I want to be practical in my approach to gaining knowledge and learn the most important things for me to know in living the Christian life!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Inspired – God Breathed (Source of the Scripture)

Profitable – Teaching, Reproof, Correction

Training – In what's Righteousness

Equipping – For Every Good Work

Brothers & Sisters – It's a good goal to learn the word of God, because it teaches us everything we need to know about living life. All the answers to life's questions are answered in the bible!

But the bible consists of 66 books (39 OT Books – 27 NT Books). That is a vast number of books, chapters and verses to know. My bible has 1942 pages of scripture. That's a lot of information to know.

So how do we filter this a bit more (all Scripture is profitable)?

We know that the Bible basically can be divided into 2 parts. Before the Cross (Old Covenant of Law), and after the Cross (New Covenant of Grace).

Law – Achieving System (Keeping a Standard)

Grace – Receiving System (The Believer Receives Every Spiritual Blessing in Christ)

The Law purpose is to lead man to Christ by man realizing that they cannot keep the Law:

Galatians 3:24-25 (NASB)

²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Romans 10:4 (NASB)

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Once man believes – He is made spiritually alive, and is Righteous (Justified). Man is made right by God

The Christian is no longer under the Law, but under Grace – Amen!

The Christian should learn what it means to live under Grace because this is where he stands at the present time as a believer.

Romans 5:1-2 (NASB)

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith **into this grace in which we stand**; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Brothers & Sisters – After believing the Gospel, what foundational truths does a Christian need to know?

The Spirit prompted me with that question for this message, so I search the bible looking for the questions **“What do I need to know”, or “Do You know”, or “Do You Not Know”** and was surprised by this:

In the OT this question was asked and answered 10X

Isaiah asked this question 2X

Isaiah 40:21 (NASB)

²¹ Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isaiah 40:28 (NASB)

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

The other 8x in the OT where just questions in conversations with no direct doctrinal impact.

In the NT this question was asked 16x (Paul's Books – 14x, John's Books – 1x, James – 1x).

James 4:4 (Friendship with world is hostility towards God), John 19:10 (Pilate & Jesus), Paul (4x in Romans, 10x in Corinthian Books – Correcting issues in the Church).

In Romans 6:3, 6:16, 7:1 (Questions About What the Believer Possess) and 11:2 (Question About Israel)

All other times Paul asked and answered this question was to correct a specific sin in the Corinthian Church!

Paul in the book of Romans was inspired by God to address what a believer has become and what has changed in his life once he believes. One could argue the whole book of Romans is about what the believer possesses once he believes. I wouldn't argue against that, but **Paul drilled down to 3 specific foundational truths in Ro 6:3, 6:16 and 7:1 and the surrounding verses by asking & answering the question "Do You Not Know?"**.

In a sense, Paul filtered and prioritized what he wanted all believers to know about who they are and what they have become by asking and answering the question **"Do You Not Know"** in Ro 6:3, Ro 6:16 & Ro7:1 and their surrounding verses.

So today I will expound on the Romans 6:3-7 and we will discover a very important foundation truth about you as a believer and what that means in how you live your life:

This is part 1, of a 3-part series titled **"Do You Not Know?"**

Today from Ro 6:3-7 verses we will learn (1) and how this foundational truth impacts living the Christian Life:

1. You were Crucified & Risen with Christ

Romans 6:3-7 (NASB)

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

Verse 3

Romans 6:3 (NASB)

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Baptized into Christ Jesus – Baptized into Christ Jesus's death -

What type of Baptism is Paul referring to here? Is it water Baptism? Or is it a Spiritual Baptism? Well, we know from other scriptures this cant be water baptism, because scripture doesn't support baptismal regeneration. Water baptism is done after a man believes and is a profession of faith.

Acts 8:36-37 (NASB)

³⁶ As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch *said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁷ [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

So, this Baptism referred to here is a spiritual baptism: The word Baptism here denotes being placed into:

Rephrased -

Romans 6:3 (NASB)

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been placed into Christ Jesus have been placed into His death?

A - Brothers & Sisters – The believer has been Baptized (Place into) Christ, and Baptized (Placed into) His Death (Crucifixion).

Verses 4-5

Romans 6:4-5 (NASB)

⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

When reading scripture when we see the word **Therefore**, we should ask what's it there for?

Therefore, since the believer has been baptized (Placed into) Christ and baptized (Placed into) His death (Crucifixion) – what has happened to the believer?

1. Buried with Christ because we were baptized (Placed into) Christ
 - a. United with Christ in the likeness of His Death
2. Raised with Christ because we were baptized (Placed into) Christ
 - a. United with Christ in the likeness of His Resurrection
 - b. We walk in newness of life

What does Paul want the believer to know up to this point? That they have been united to Christ in His death, and that they have been united to Christ in His resurrection.

The believer is in union with Christ! – Amen!

When you believed the Gospel Message you became a new person who is resurrected to a newness of life and is **UNITED** to Christ!

John 11:25 (NASB)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

Jesus in John 11:25 tells us that He is the resurrection and the life, and who ever believes in Him will live even when he dies physically.

Philippians 3:10a (NASB)

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection

Paul in Philippians 3:10a, writes that he wants to know not only Christ, but the power of His resurrection.

Do you want to know the power of your resurrection with Christ?

Did you know that you are united to Christ?

B - Brothers & Sisters – When you believed the Gospel Message, you were given spiritual life, you were resurrected to newness of life because you are **UNITED** to Christ!

Verse 6-7

Romans 6:6-7 (NASB)

⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

Now that we know that the believer was resurrected to newness of life and **UNITED** to Christ!

Paul tells us that:

a. *Old Self (Old Man, Unrenewed Self, Person We Used to Be)* was Crucified with Him (Christ)

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

The believer's old self was crucified, and he is a new creation in Christ because He has risen with Christ, because he is in union with Christ!

This is also called the "Exchanged Life"

It's the Exchanged of being a spiritually dead sinner (In Adam) to being a new created spiritually alive saint (In Christ)!

If you never heard this before – Welcome to the New You!

Note: You could never be a sinner and a saint at the same time. You are either one or the other (Saint who sometimes sins)

What is the result of your new “Exchanged Life?”

- a. Our Body of sin is done away with (vs 6)
- b. We are no longer a slave to sin (vs 6)
- c. Freed from sin (vs 6)

The believer is freed from the power of sin – ***Noun (Sin as an operating principle in the life of Man)***

This is what Paul wants us to know – All believers are freed from the power of sin, and now can choose not to sin because we are no longer a slave to it, and because that old man was crucified and is dead. He who has died is freed from sin – Amen!

Brothers & Sisters - Shout this from the roof tops, the power of sin (Habitual sin, addiction, bad behavior) can only be broken when your old self (man) has been crucified and you are risen to newness of life. Amen!

If you never heard this before – Welcome to the New You!

Do you find that you know somethings, but will never know everything, and sometimes feel like you know nothing?

The apostle Paul wants every believer to know that they have been crucified and risen with Christ and the POWER of Sin has been broken in your life

You DIED to Sin!

Ro 6:1-11

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As a Believer you are

Crucified with Christ

Risen with Christ

Exchanged your Old life for a New Life

Free from the Power of Sin

Died to Sin



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