



The Believer's Reckoning - part 2



What is reckoning?



logizomai:

- to count
- to calculate
- to put down as true/fact

The word **reckon** is **a word for faith**
- in the face of appearances*

You are not wishing **it** to be so but believing it is so because God has said it*

It = who you are in Christ
[Identification Truths]

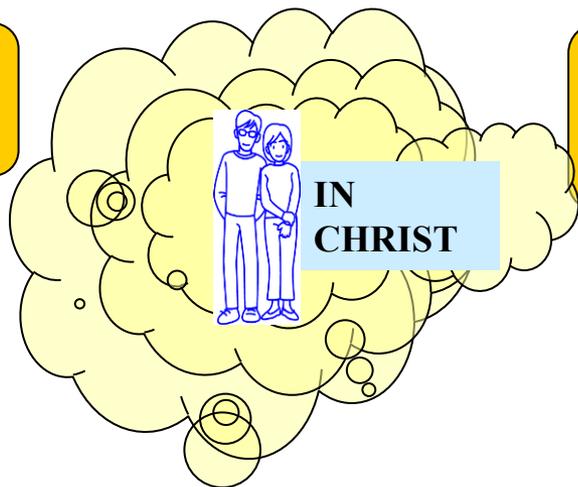
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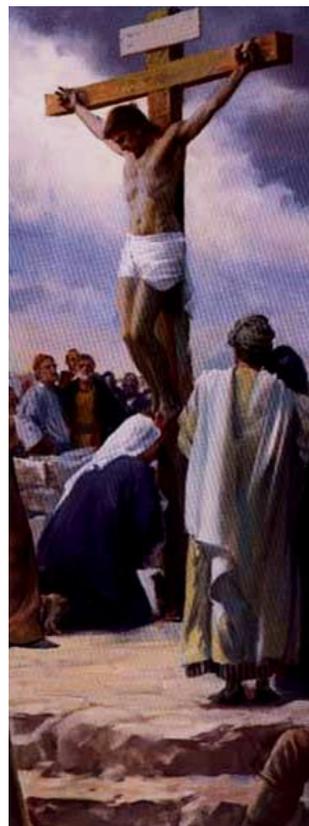
Positional Truths*

Identification Truths*

Rom
1:1



Rom
6:1



Rom
6:10

- * Justified by God's grace through faith
- * Free from the law
- * Redeemed by Christ's blood/death
- * Circumcised in the heart
- * Peace with God
- * Access and standing in His grace
- * God's love gushed out in our hearts
- * Holy Spirit given to us (indwelling)
- * Reconciled to God
- * Super-abounding grace when sin abounds

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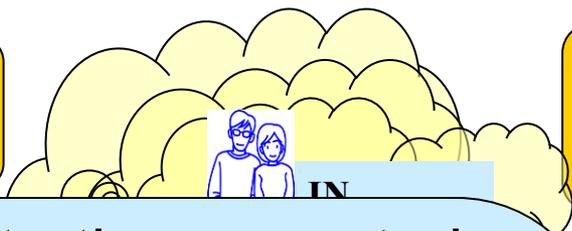
We died to sin
We have been
baptized [placed]:
into Christ's **death**
Into Christ's **burial**
Into Christ's
resurrection
We have Christ's life
We're separated from
our Old Man
Our body of sin is
taken offline
We are free from our
sin nature
We need not be a
slave to our sin nature



Positional Truths*

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- The truths presented in Rom 1:1 to 5:21 and in other writings of Paul are called **Birth Truths**
- These are true of you the **moment you believe in Him**
- The focus is who we are in Christ – our position
- These truths are foundational to the Identification Truths

- The truths presented in Rom 6:1 to 6:10 are called **Growth Truths** or Identification Truths
- Spiritual growth is dependent upon reckoning upon these Truths
- No reckoning, No spiritual growth
- It will be a mediocre Christian life

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Positional Truths

Identification Truths

Application of the Truths

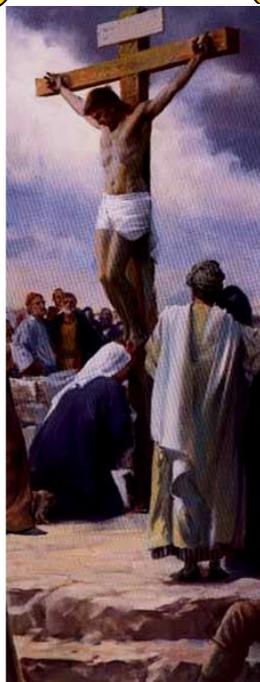
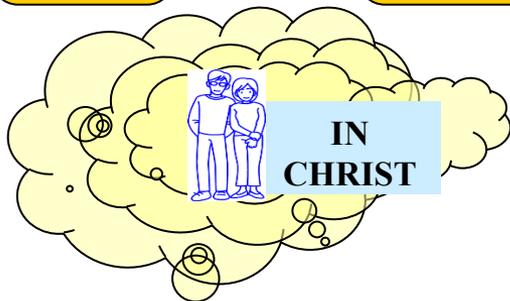
Rom 1:1

Rom 6:1

Rom 6:10

Rom 6:11*

Rom 6:14



6:11 Even so **consider/reckon** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- Rom 6:11 is foundational for spiritual growth
- No Rom 6:11 in our life – no growth
- All spiritual growth is based on Rom 6:11
- Rom 6:11 = first command in Romans
- Rom 1:1 to 6:10 Paul lays down our position and identification in Christ
- Rom 6:11 – command = now make your identification **your practice**
- Key to growth = **reckon** on the Identification Truths

Today's Verse



¹¹ Even so consider/reckon yourselves to be dead [indeed] to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹¹ Thus also, as for you, constantly be taking into account the fact that you are those who are dead with respect to sin, and indeed those who are living ones with reference to God in Christ Jesus. Wuest

¹¹ Thus also, as for you, constantly be taking into account the fact that you are those who have had the power of sin broken in your lives and those who have had the divine nature implanted. Wuest's paraphrase



¹¹ Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

even so

[you] consider/reckon yourselves

lit: **in the same manner** as Christ
in v:10

- Christ died **to** the sin and **you died with Him**
- It was done once - for all believers
- Christ is living His life to God
- Since **we** are **in Christ** **we are to live our life to God**

- You **reckon** yourselves
- You **count** as true of yourselves
- You as “an accountant” are **writing it down as true**
- You are to **keep on** reckoning because it is God’s will (24/7)
- Next, the **two fold aspect** of this reckoning

Dual Truths about “You Reckoning Yourselves”

On one hand...

Summary:

- in our walk we are to be counting upon being separated from our sin nature
- but now having the very life of Christ operating in our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit

- to be **dead** **to the sin**
- lit: separated from it [sin nature]

Truths about Reckoning Yourself

On one hand...

*eimi –
state of
being verb*

- **to be dead**
to the sin
- lit: separated
from it [sin
nature]

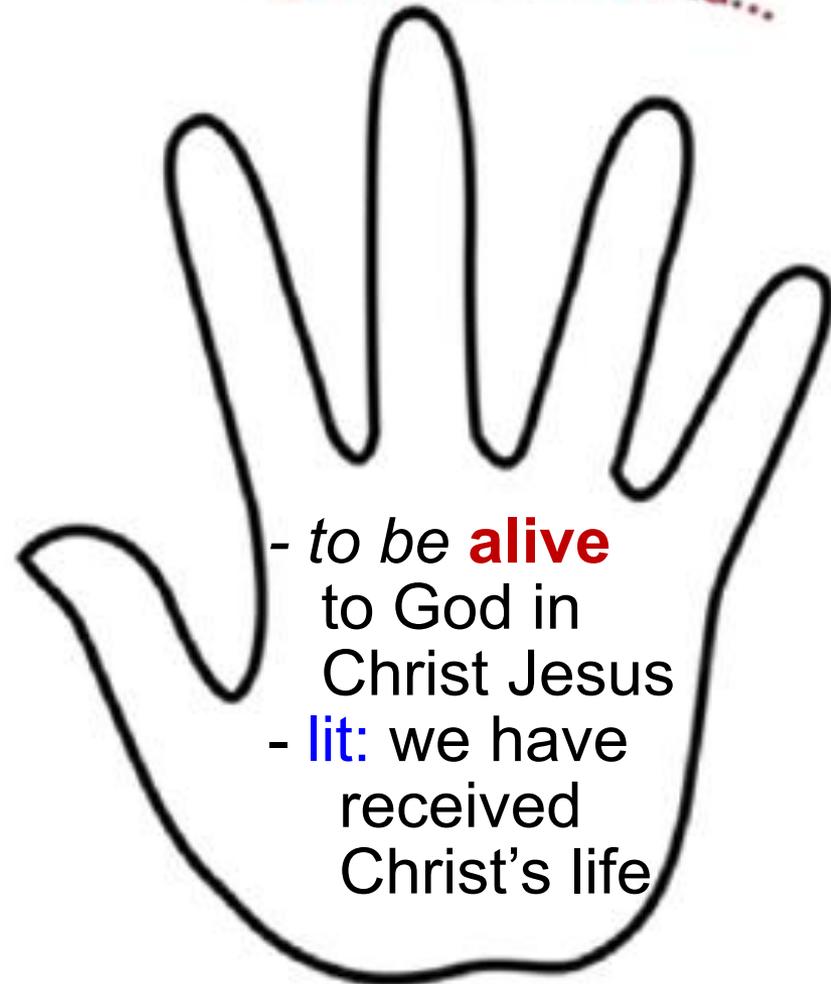
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- dead or separated from our sin nature
- so we reckon that we are **permanently separated** from our sin nature
- You are not reckoning that your sin nature is dead*
- You are reckoning that your **relationship to** the sin nature is dead [or separated]*
- You reckon it dead by **believing the facts***
- You are not wishing **it to be so** but **believing it is so** because God has said it*

Truths about Reckoning Yourselfes

on the other hand...

- living ones with respect to God – Wuest
- our life is only “in Christ Jesus”
- Gal 2:20b it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**
- the divine nature has been imparted with the desire and the power to regulate our lives in accordance with the Word of God. Wuest



- to be **alive**
to God in
Christ Jesus
- **lit**: we have
received
Christ's life

Questions about Reckoning

Is Rom 6:11 speaking of our Position or Condition [Walk]?

Answer: It is speaking of our Christian walk/conduct*

- Reckoning on the Identification Truths will cause us to grow in Jesus Christ and be transformed via the Holy Spirit*
- 2 Peter 3:18a but **grow in the grace** and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.
- Our death with Christ and life with Christ are real and **to be realized in our practice***

* Hal Molloy

Questions about Reckoning

How do we realize this Dual aspect of Reckoning?

Answer:*

a. **Knowing** the truths (Rom 6:1-10) about ourselves and **reckoning upon them**

believing
they are
true of you

b. **Abiding** and **Resting** in the these truths

- John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who **abides in Me and I [Christ] in him**, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

abide - *meno* - is to be at home, lit: to hang out!

- In John 15, the abiding of the Christian in Christ refers to his maintaining unbroken fellowship with Him. **He makes his spiritual home in Christ.** Wuest

Questions about Reckoning

How do we realize this Dual aspect of Reckoning?

Answer:

c. **Depending** and **Walking** by the Holy Spirit

- Col 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him**.
- Gal 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

**You received
Him by faith**

**You are to
walk by faith
in Him**

walk – conduct your life or to live/pass one's life
lit: continually conduct your life by means of the Spirit

The Reckoning from Miles Stanford

- The purpose of reckoning is that **we may abide in Christ, who is our life.**
- The first half, "**dead unto sin,**" is but the stepping stone into the Land. If we stop short there, we are stranded in midstream.
- True reckoning is to step out firmly, and keep on going [**to being alive to God in Christ Jesus**].
- We have died [separated] to the old Adamic source, but now have been resurrected and are now alive in the new Source [Christ].
- **Death** was the means, **life** is the goal.
- Spiritual growth comes **by** walking in the Spirit.

The Reckoning from Miles Stanford

- We cannot **rest** in our risen Lord until we **know** we have been positionally released from Adam through death.
- Neither can we **rest** in the process of being experientially released from the domination of the Adamic life until we **know** and **count** upon the fact that we are already loosed positionally.
- True reckoning has its ultimate emphasis on the life-side of the cross; we **count** upon our having died unto sin **in order** to **count** upon our being alive unto God.
- As for the old man within, **we continually reckon** that source to have been crucified, so that it [the old man] may be held daily in the place of death. We reckon; the cross crucifies.

Reckoning yourself dead unto temptation

James 1:14-15 But each one is **tempted** when he is carried away and enticed by **his own lust**.¹⁵ Then when **lust** has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

- The process being described is going from fellowship to loss of fellowship

background - James 1:13 Let no man be saying when he is being **solicited to sin**, [that] by God I am being **solicited to sin**, for God is incapable of being **solicited to sin**, the source of the solicitations being evils, and He himself solicits no one to sin.*

¹⁴ But each one is being **solicited to sin** when he is taken in tow and enticed by **his own craving**.*

¹⁵ Then when the aforementioned **craving** has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and this sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.*

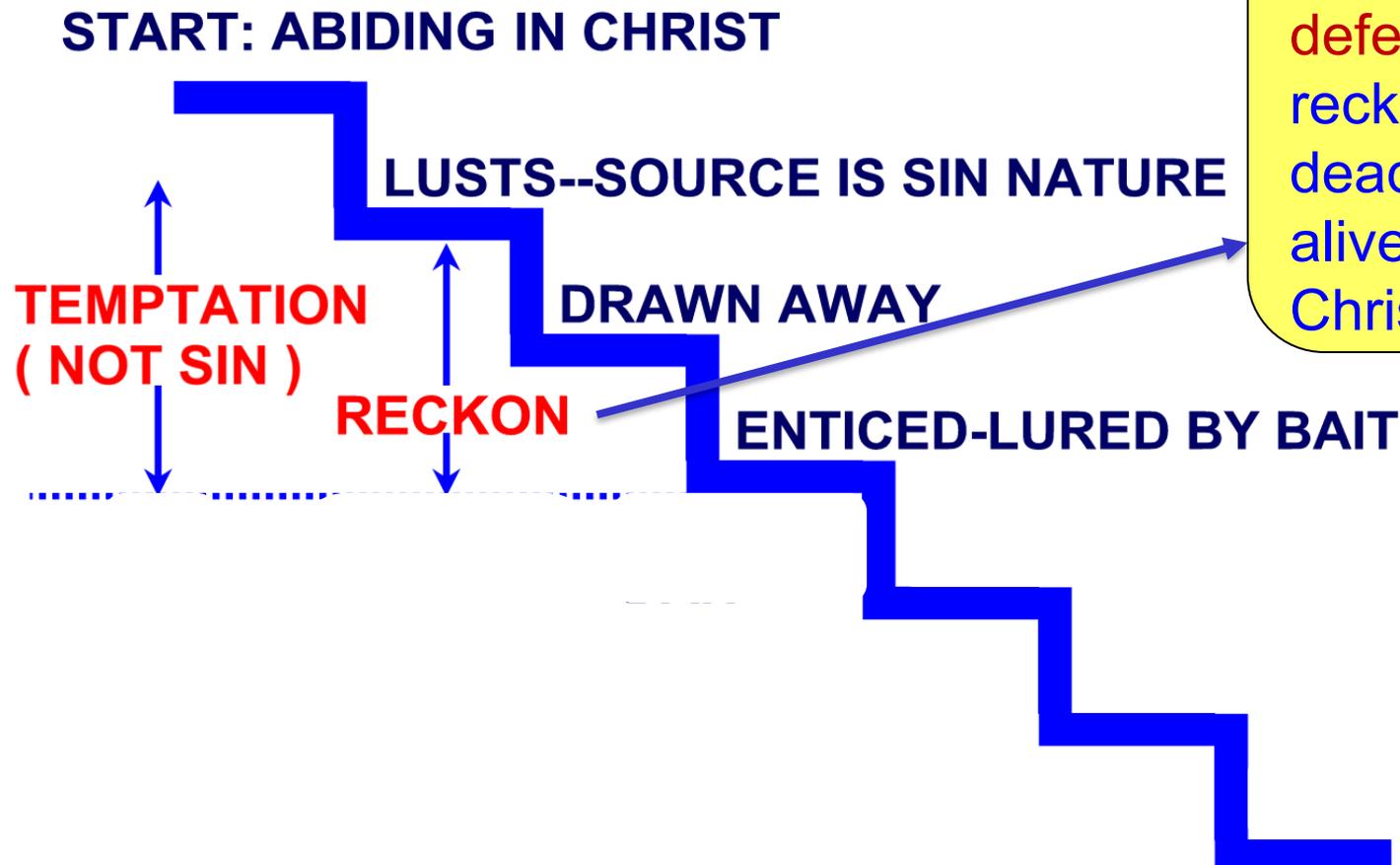
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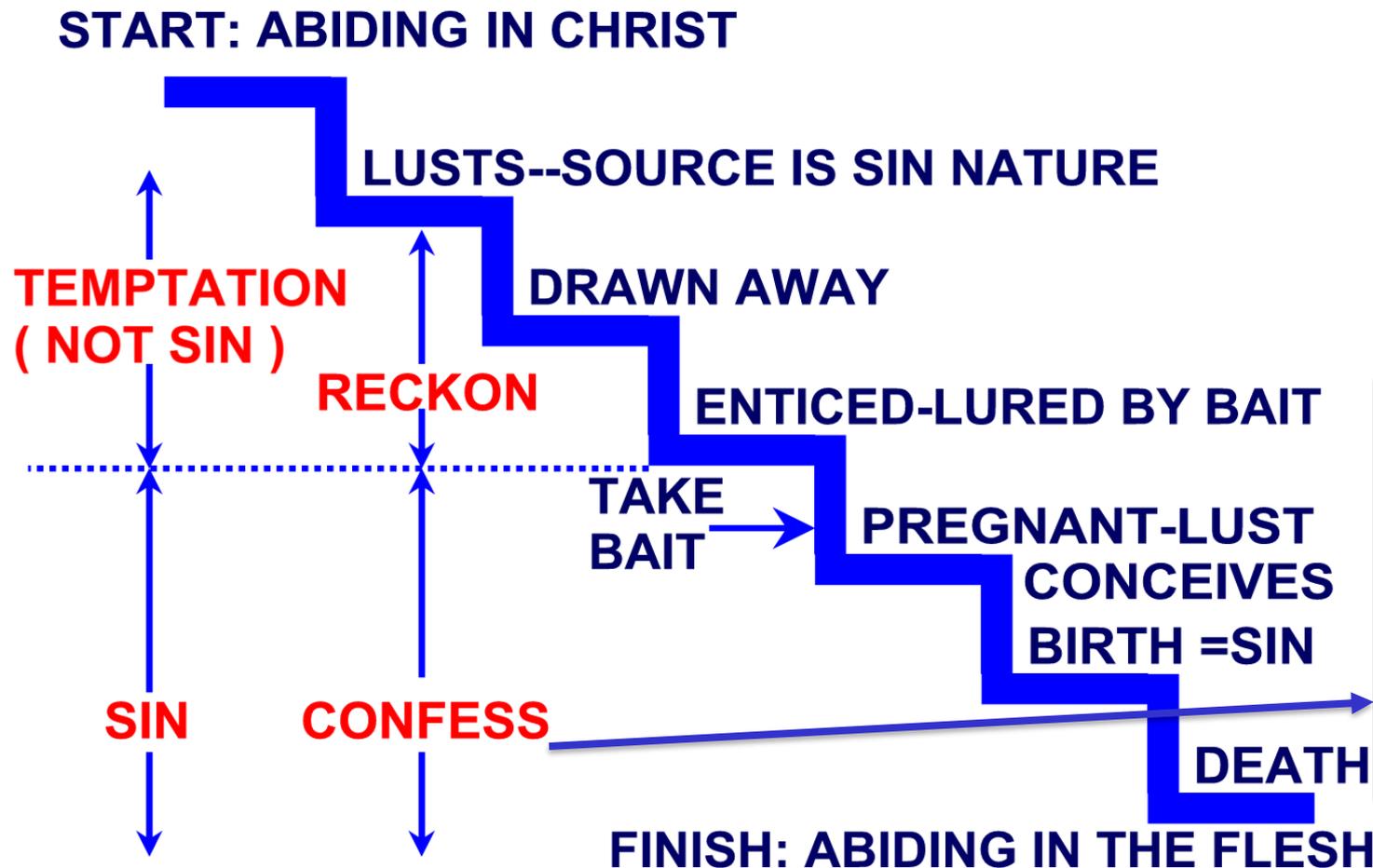
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God's 1st line of defense is to reckon yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus

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Once we have sinned we are to agree with God about our sin

Final Thoughts*



- We must remember that our death **unto** sin was accomplished at the Cross.
- There [at the Cross] the believer shared the death of the Lord Jesus.
- For when we became a believer, the **life we received was in Christ**, that is life out of death, resurrection life.
- Our experience of **it** all is simply the entering by faith into what has already happened at the Cross.
- The Sixth of Romans is not an aspect of truth, but the foundation truth upon which every believer must stand if he is to grow and mature in the “**not I, but Christ.**”

* Miles Stanford

