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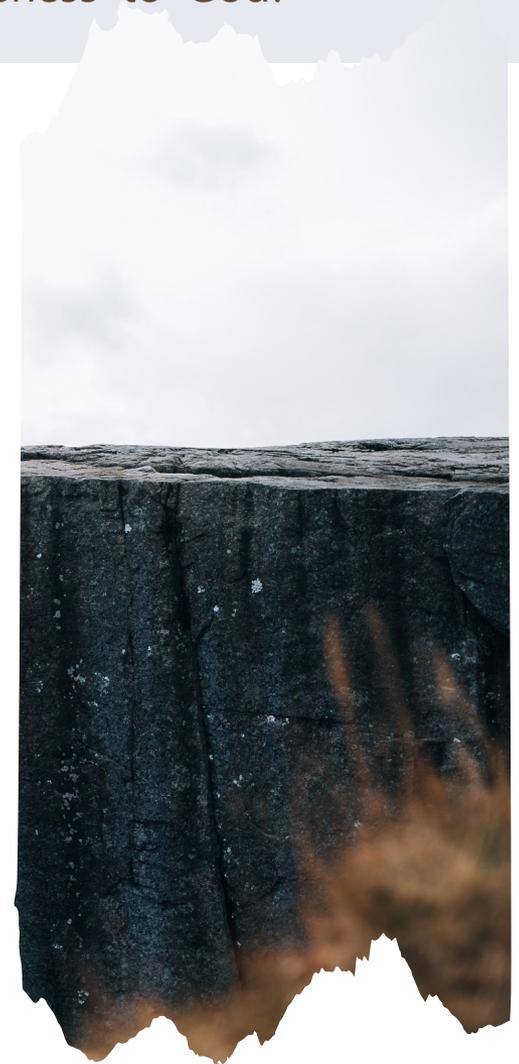


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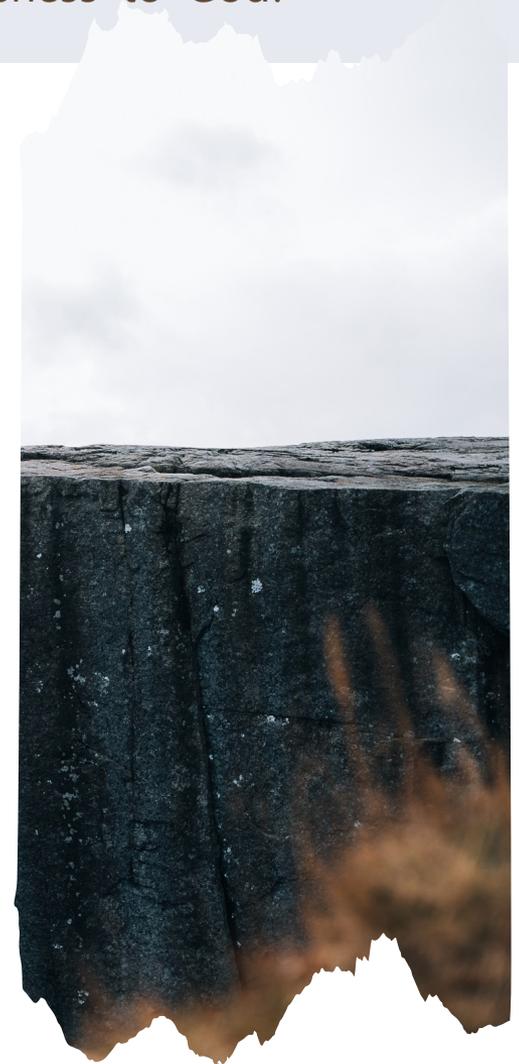
- » When you reckon yourself dead to sin, the sin nature is *automatically* cut off from reigning in us.
- » Similarly, when you reckon yourself alive to God, you are, *automatically*, presenting your members to God as instruments of righteousness.
- » The Christian life is not lived by my willpower, but by **FAITH!**



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- Reckoning is a faith/dependance thing.
- Simply resting in what God has already done!



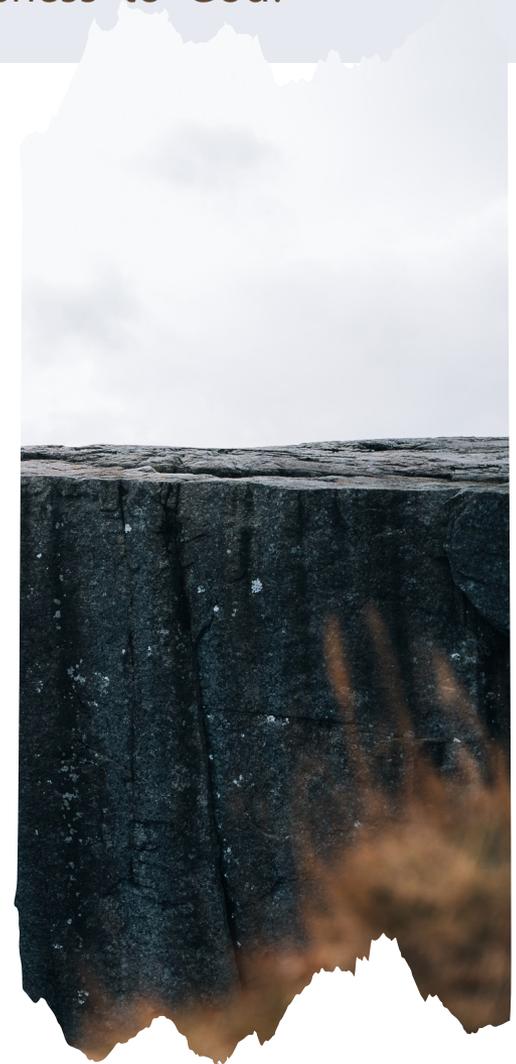
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**Q** Who is Paul talking to here? Is it believers or unbelievers who have a problem with sin reigning?

**A** This entire letter is speaking specifically to **believers!**

Paul is saying that, as a believer, it's possible for you to be allowing the sin nature to reign in your life.



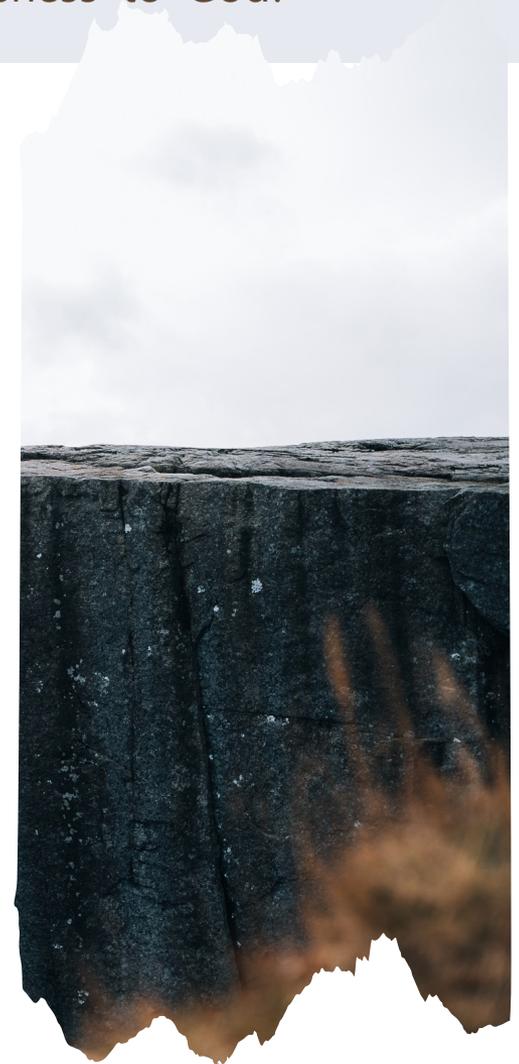
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**Q** What does it mean for sin to “reign in our mortal bodies”?

**A** REIGN ► full control! Uncontested power!

MORTAL BODIES ► σῶμα – organized whole; all your faculties as a human being



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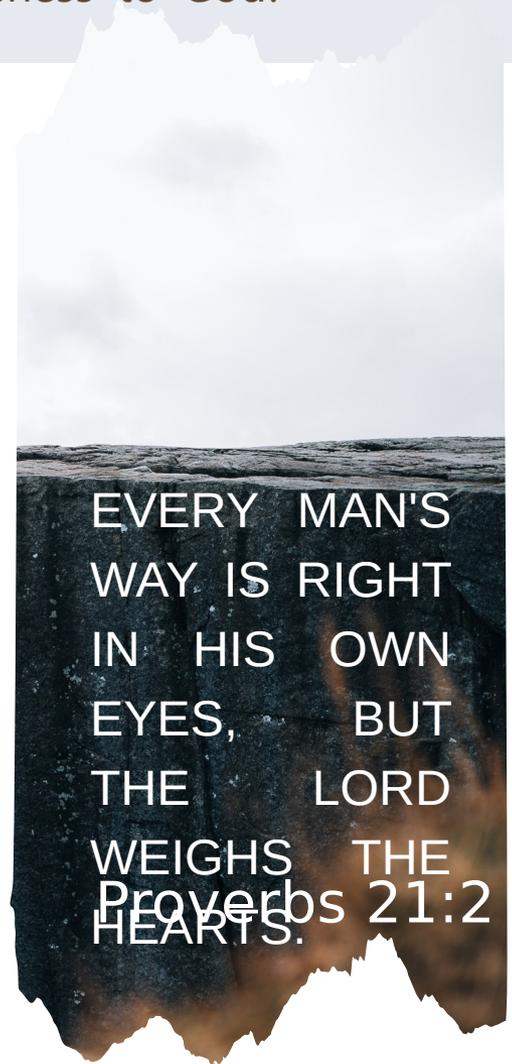
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Q What does that look like in our day to day lives?

A It's not just the outward immoral things

We never think of sin as sin when we commit it. We think of it as the correct response given the circumstances.

**Everything of our *natural* life is sin.**



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**Q** What does it mean to “obey its lusts”?

**A** This is not just physical desires.

Paul is talking about the deeply seated desires of man.

SELF:	WILL	SUFFICIENCY
	CENTEREDNESS	EXHALTATION
	LOVE	PRESERVATION
	PITY	RIGHTEOUSNESS
	DEFENSE	& MORE!

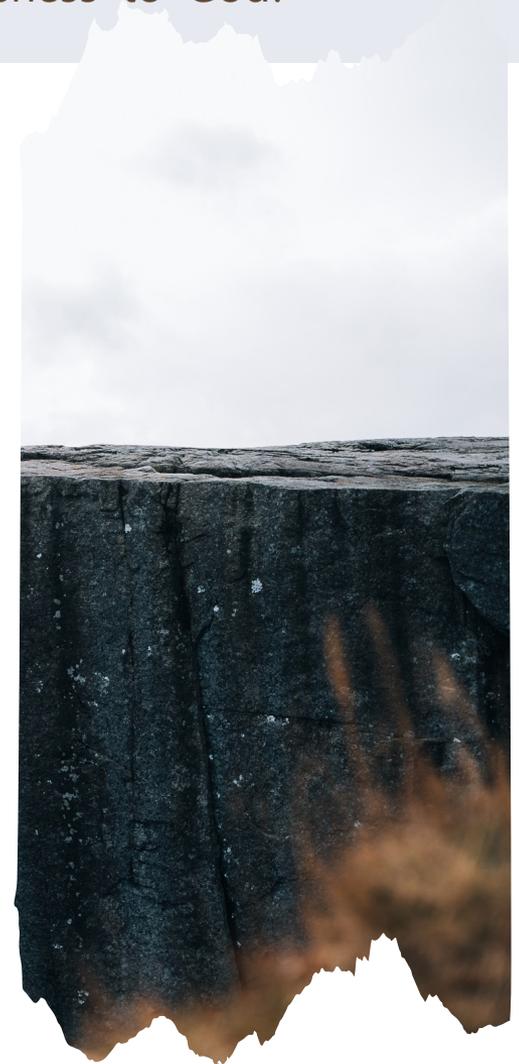


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Q What are we presenting?

A We present ourselves to God as those who ARE alive from the dead, new creations **in Christ Jesus.**



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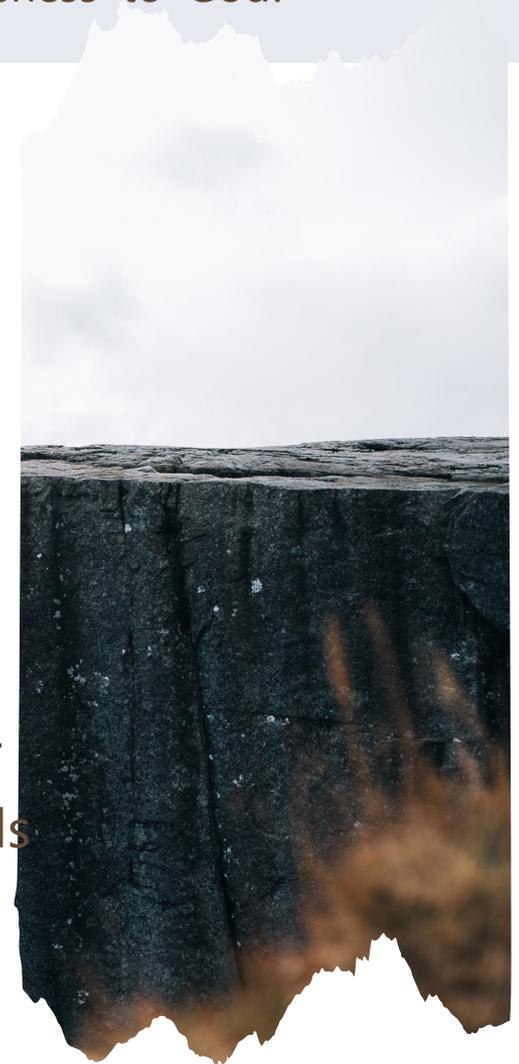
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**Q** What does it mean to be an “instrument” of unrighteousness/righteousness?

**A** ὄπλον - instruments, tools, implements, ARMS or WEAPONS

The idea is that you are at the complete disposal of the master - just like a “tool” or “weapon” in the hand of the one who wields it.

We can either have the sin nature reigning over us or we can have grace reigning.



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**Q** How do we “present ourselves”?

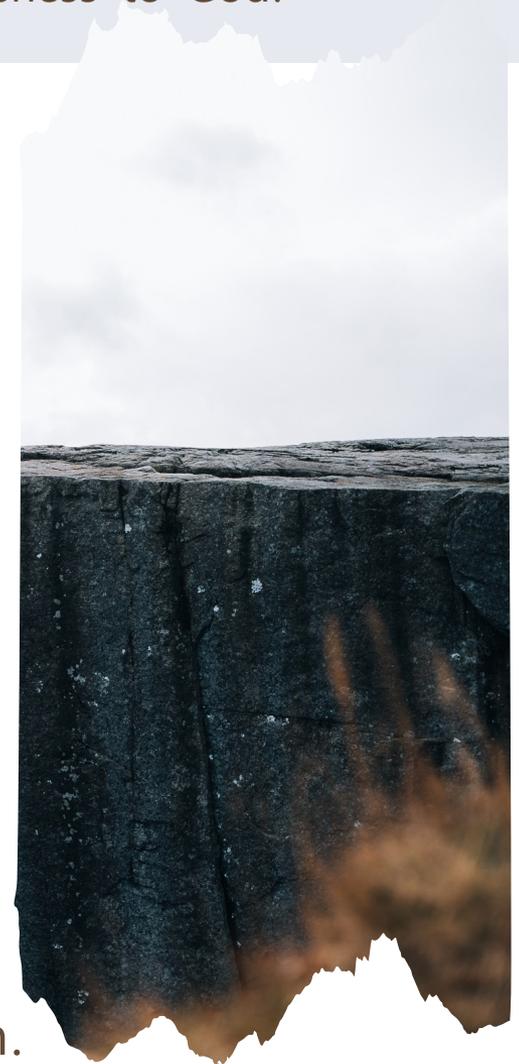
**A** We present ourselves by reckoning.

This isn’t about “resisting” sin.

This is about counting on the fact that, on the cross, I died once for all to the power of sin.

It’s not a commitment to serve Him.

It’s recognizing that I already belong to Him.



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- The grace principle is that we **already** have God's perfect favor! We can't increase that or decrease that in any way.
- So what's the Lord's purpose in all this?
- The Father's goal is to glorify the risen Lord Jesus Christ!
- The Lord wants to put the life of Jesus on display through you and I!

