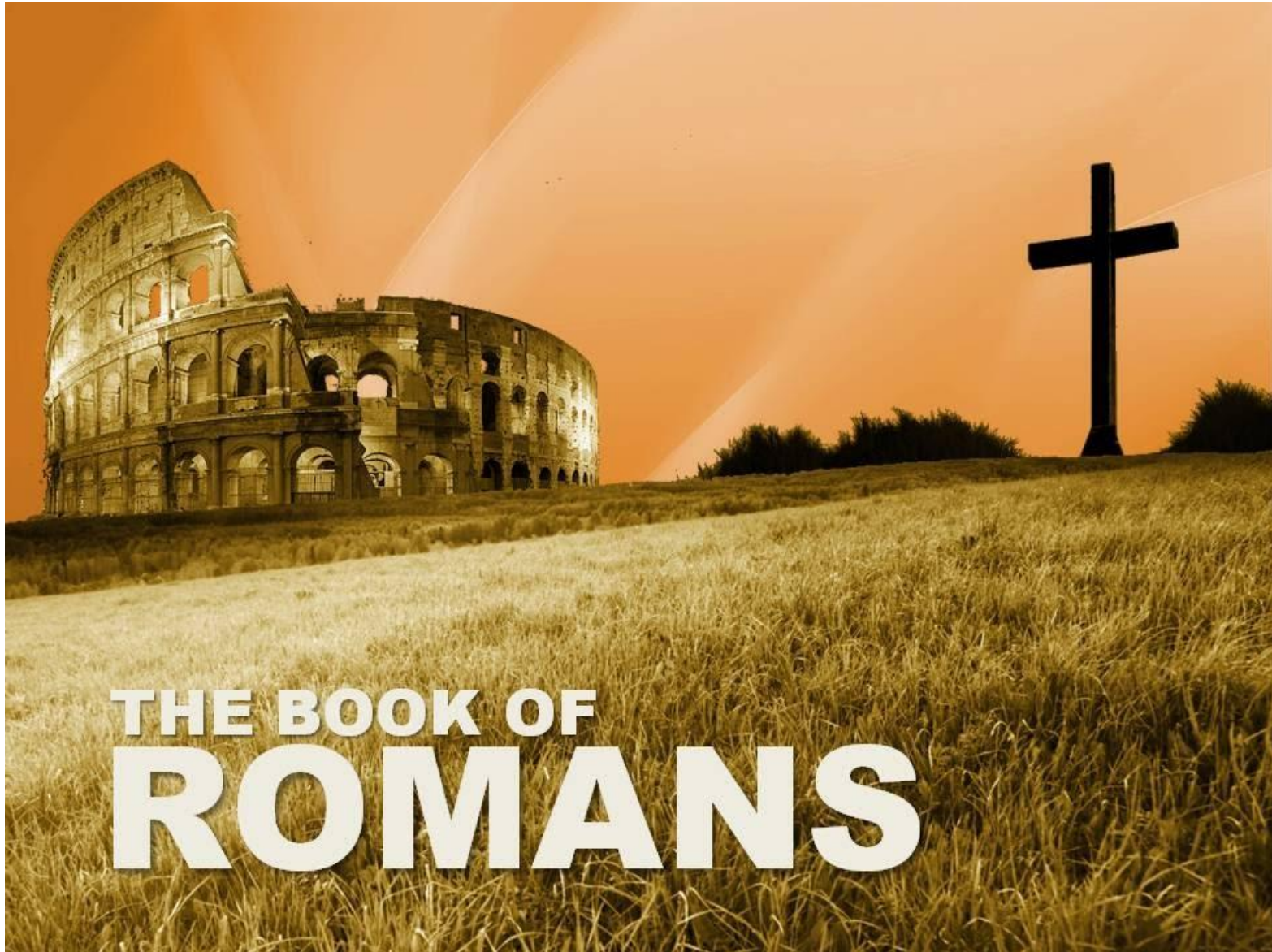


Rom 6:19-20 Present Your Members as Slaves



Review – Overview of Rom 6:17 to 22*



- These verses talk about the believer's transformation that has taken place based on Rom 6:1-14
- Three transformations have taken place in the believer's new life in Christ
- Verses 17 and 18 describe a transformation of **the believer's relationships**
- Verses 19 and 20 describe a transformation of **the believer's conduct**
- Verses 21 and 22 describe a transformation of **the believer's benefits**

Review – Rom 6:17 - 18* Message



- Last week we talked about the **first** of these three transformation
- Verses 17 and 18 describe a transformation of **the believer's relationships**
- The idea is “what we once were” vs. “what we are now”
- So, you were slaves of sin vs. you became slaves of righteousness
- The principle that we saw from verse 16 is that “you are slaves of the one whom you obey”

* adapted from McCalley

17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,



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*though you
were* slaves
of [the] sin

- Paul used this term many times of God's grace.
- 2 Cor 2:14a But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ.
- lit: *you used to be* - *eimi* - the state in which someone continuously exists [in past time – imperfect tense]
- *slaves* - *doulos* - one who gives himself up to the will of another – Vine
- *doulos* identifies who the believer was in past time
- [slaves] of the sin nature

17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,



you became obedient from the heart

to that

form of teaching into which you were delivered*

* Merryman

- you became obedient – *hypakoe*
lit: to listen under
- aorist tense – this was an event in the believer's life
- indicative – this is a fact, it's reality
- active – you performed the action
- from [ek- out of] the heart
- “with the heart a person believes”
- form of teaching or body of truth* [called “the faith” in Jude 1:3]
- idea: you were handed over to this body of truth [passive voice]*
- Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith - it is the gift of God.

¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.



and – connects us to verse 17

having been freed – *eleuthero* - "to make free", is used of deliverance from sin (aorist, passive)

from [the] sin - is speaking of the sin nature

- You were freed from [the] sin when you were delivered into the body of truth Merryman
- Rom 6:2b How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

What is freedom?*

- Freedom is not doing as I please
- Freedom is a change of masters
- I have been freed from the mastery of my sin nature
- Rom 6:22a But now having been freed from [the] sin and enslaved to God

* adapted from McCalley 6

¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.



you became slaves of [the] righteousness

you became slaves - *douloō* - to be made a slave,
to be subjugated, subdued

- aorist tense – this was an event in the believer's life
- indicative – this is a fact, it's reality
- passive – you have received this from God

of [the] righteousness

- We are enslaved to the kind of righteousness that pleases God Merryman
- The idea of servanthood of the believer has two aspects: freedom and slavery McCalley

Today's Verses



¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

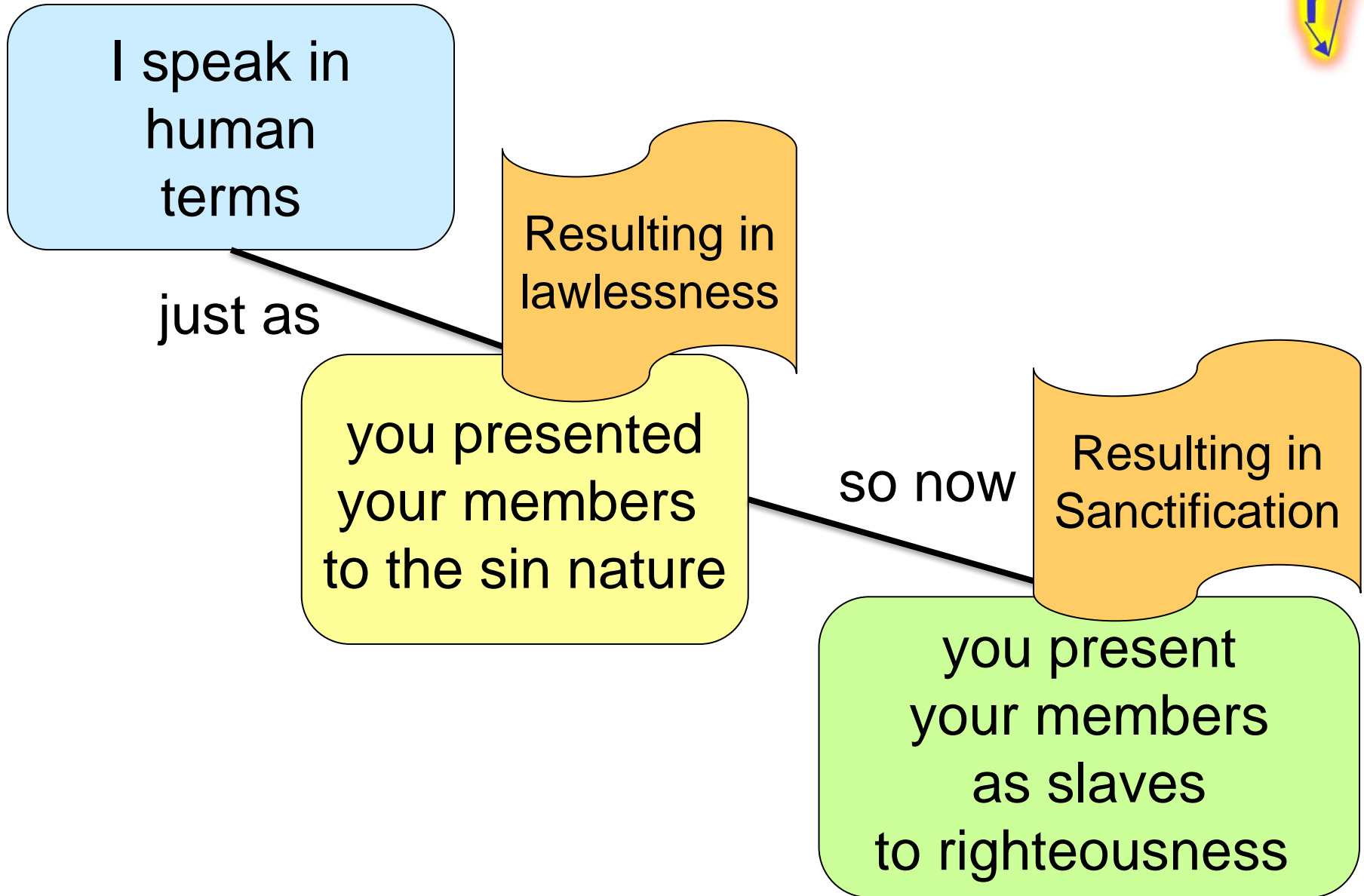
Rom 6:19 - 20* Message



- The **second** of these three transformations is given next
- In verses 19 and 20 Paul tells tell us about the believer's **transformation of conduct**
- The idea is “what you did once” vs. “what you do now”
- slaves to impurity etc. vs. slaves to righteousness
- So, pre-salvation and post-salvation have similarities (they both involve slavery and freedom!)

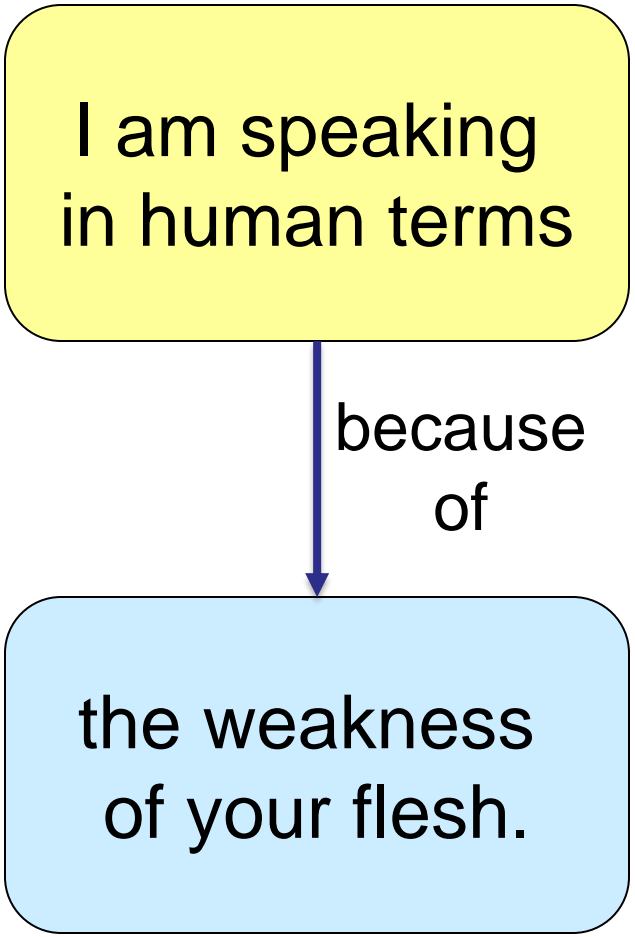
Overview of Verse 19

(the believer's conduct)





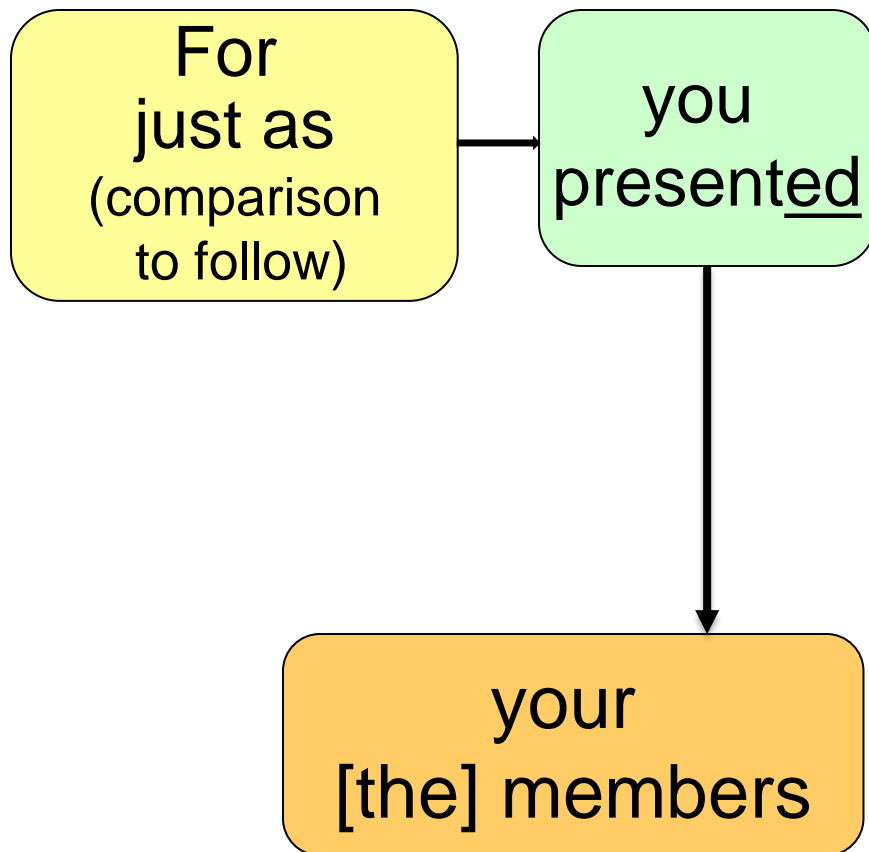
19a I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh.



- Paul says he's continually speaking in the present
- *anthrōpinos* - belonging to man (his manner, custom and nature)
- I am using an illustration drawn from human affairs Wuest
- **because of** – tells us the reason for this language
- **weakness** - *asthénéia* - can mean general inability, frailties
- **of the flesh** – the sin nature
- The questions of Rom 6:1 and Rom 6:15 show a weakness of man's sin nature



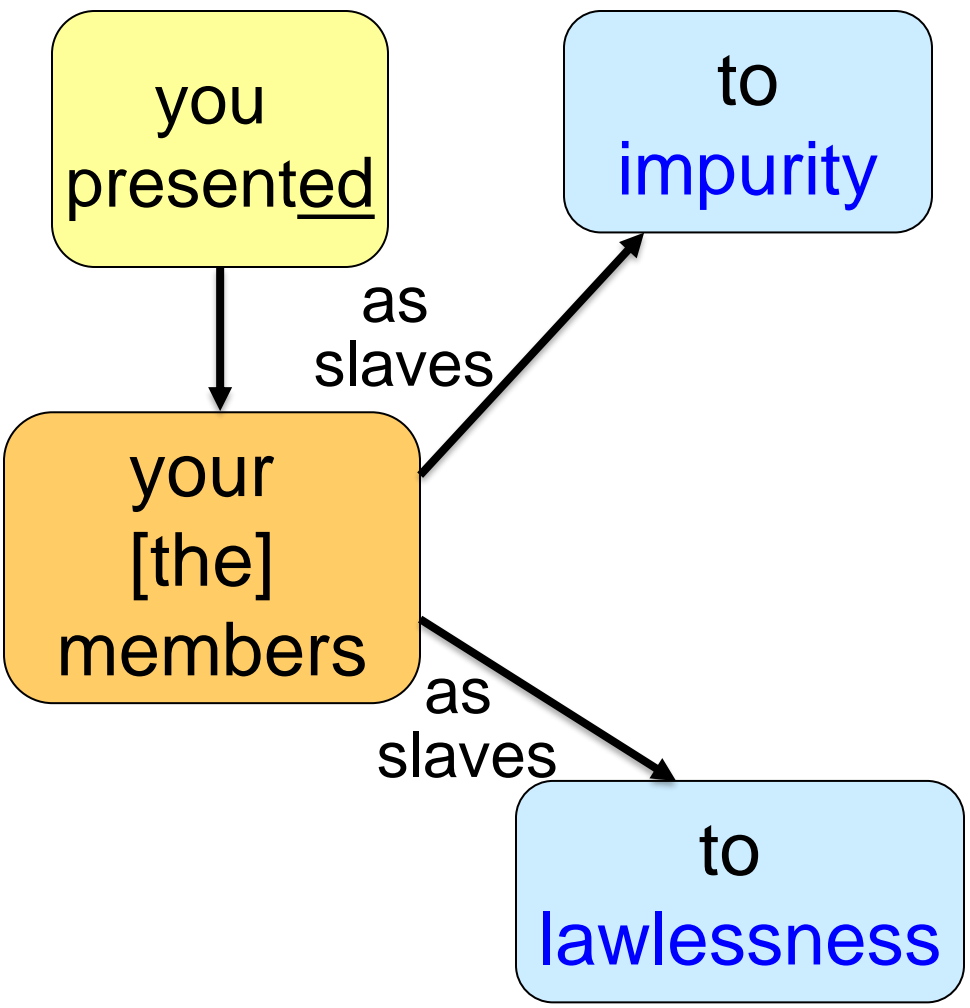
19b **For just** as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness,



- **you presented** – *paristánō* to place or set before someone; yield, exhibit
- aorist tense – this was an event prior to salvation
- indicative – this is a fact
- active – you did it
- **members** - *melos* - parts of the body – hands, feet and even the tongue
- The next part of the verse will tell us of a downward spiral



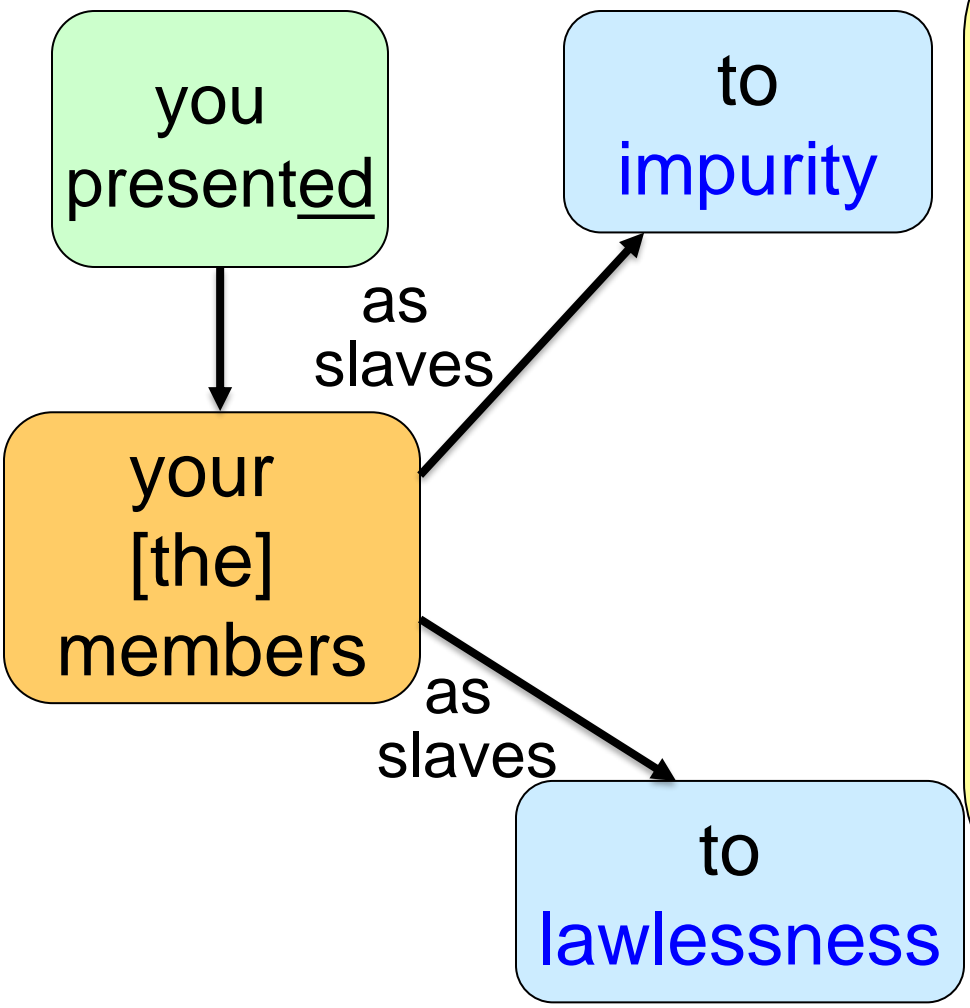
^{19b} For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness,



- **impurity** - *akatharsia* - moral uncleanness, lewdness, unrestrained
- 1 Thess 4:7 For God has not called us for the purpose of **impurity**, but in sanctification.
- **lawlessness** - *anomia* - in the NT it means not the absence of the Law, but the violation of Law



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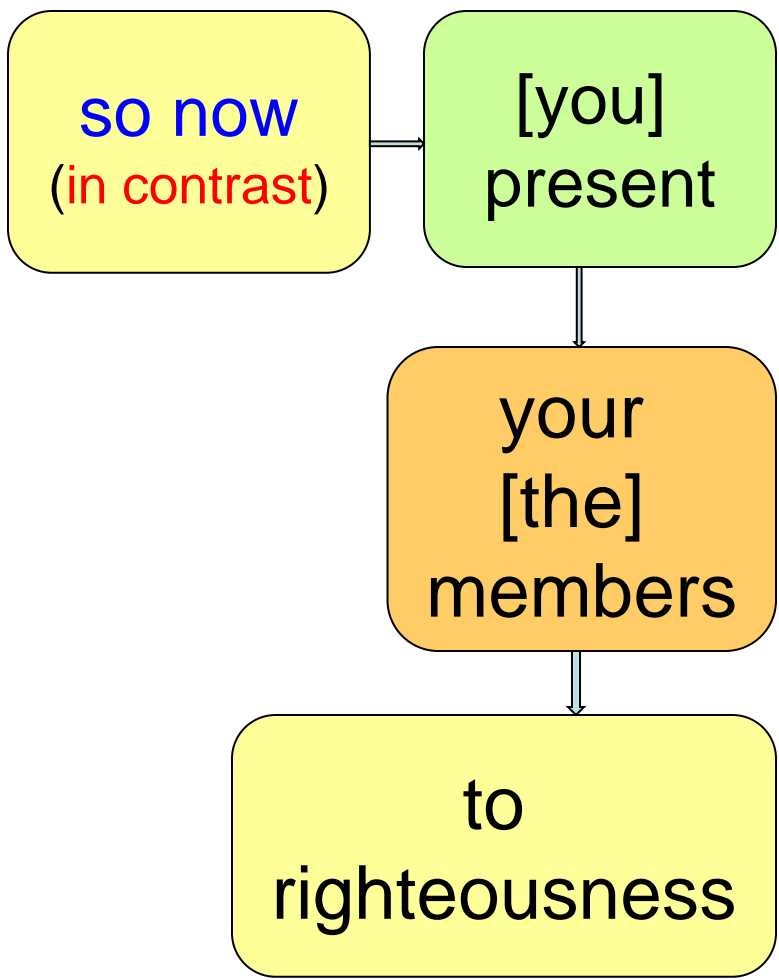
resulting in *further* lawlessness

- In the life of an unbeliever, you went from one depth of sin to another

1 John 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.



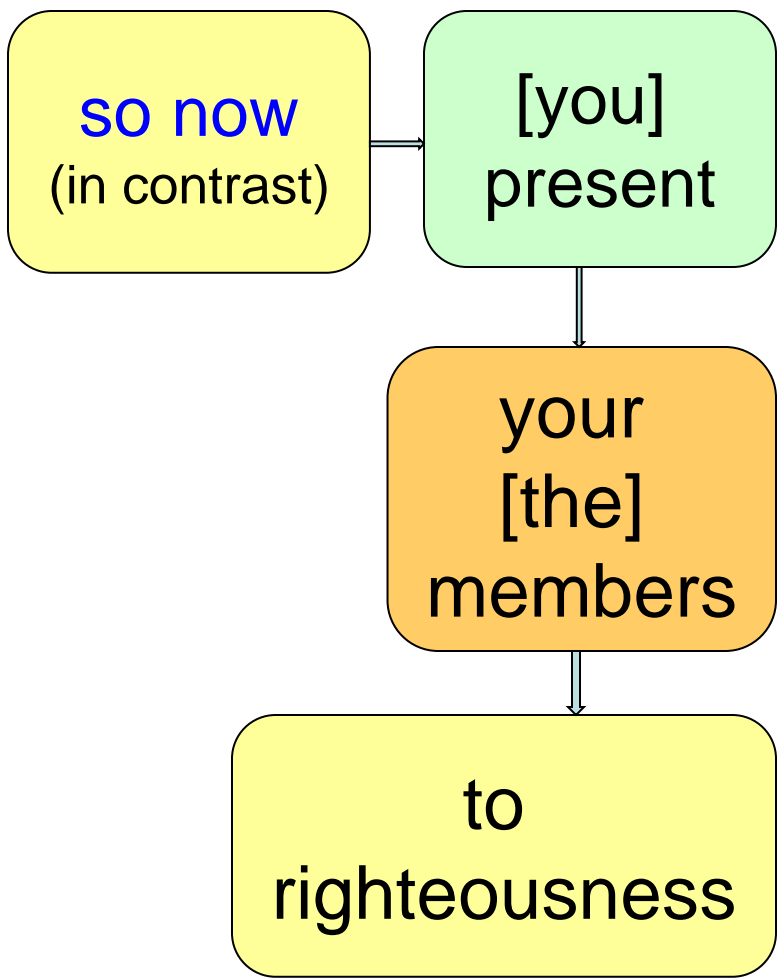
^{19c} so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.



- aorist tense – this was an event in the believer's life
- imperative – God's will
- active – you do it
- You do this as you live the Christian life
- You walk in the light as He is in the light
- You abide in Me [Christ]
- These same members can now be used to righteousness



^{19c} so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.



resulting in sanctification

- Again, we have an increasing and deepening progression
- The idea is that we are growing in grace and the knowledge of Him
- In sanctification you are being delivered from the power of the sin nature

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free
in regard to righteousness.



For when – speaking of the believer's past life!

1st - you were - *eimi* – the state in which someone
continually exists

- *emi* is in the imperfect tense – which is continuous
action in past time
- so, this is talking about a believer prior to salvation

slaves of [the] sin

- The believer is then a *doulos* [one who is under the
control of his Adamic nature] to his sin nature

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free
in regard to righteousness.



2nd - *you were* - *eimi* – the state in which someone
continually exists

- *emi* is in the imperfect tense – which is continuous
action in past time
- so, this is talking about a believer prior to salvation
- **the same as before**

free - *eleutheros* - freedom from restraint and obligation;
lit: had no relation to it

in regard to righteousness.

- you were those who were [continuously] free with
respect to [had no relation to] righteousness Wuest
- Isaiah 64:6b And all our righteous deeds are like a
filthy garment.

Final Thoughts*



Next week:

- Verses 21 and 22 describe a transformation of **the believer's benefits**
- What is the benefit in “going one way” vs. “going the other way”
- So, it's the “things of which you are ashamed vs. things resulting in sanctification”

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