



## Romans

### Slaves to Righteousness – Romans 6:19

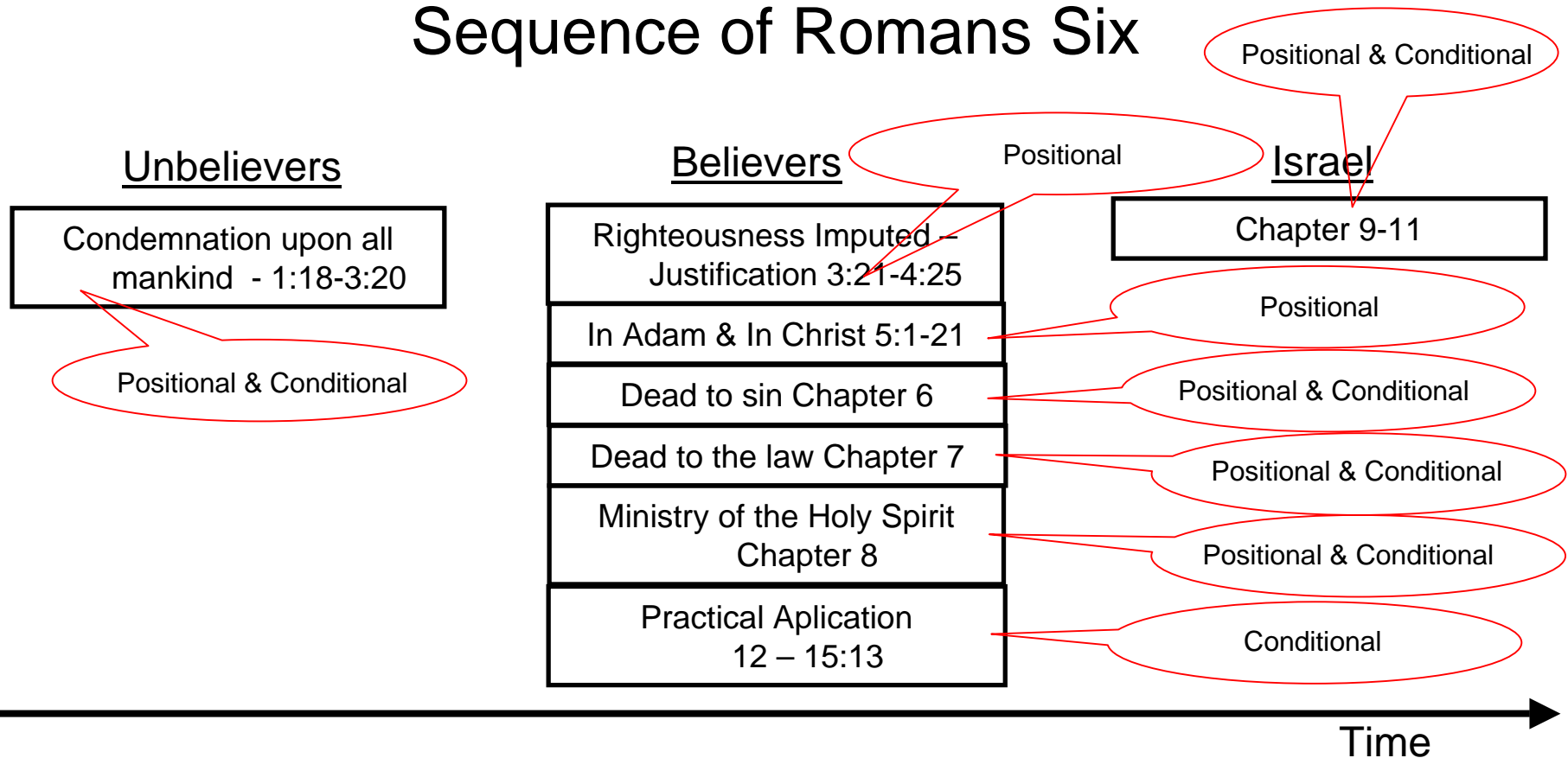
- Faith
  - 1:5, 8, 12, 17 (3x) these are in intro. 3:22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 30, 31, 4:4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 16, 19, 20, 5:1, 2 (not mentioned again until (9:30)
- Believe
  - 3:3, 22, 4:11, 24, 6:8, 10:9, 14
- Believed
  - 4:3, 17, 18, 10:14, 16, 13:11
- Positional truths brought out in Chapters 5 & 6
  - Chapter 5 - federal headship – no longer in Adam but now in Christ
  - Chapter 6 – identification with Christ - dead to sin and alive to God
- Reckon 6:11 – having taken a count of what has happened believe it, rely on it, consider it to be so – this is an imperative
- Present
  - 6:13, 16, 19, 12:1
- Slaves
  - 6:6, 16, 16, 19, 22



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### Sequence of Romans Six



- Romans was written in a sequence, as a book, this follows this which follows this...
- It is to be believed in and appropriated as a single unit

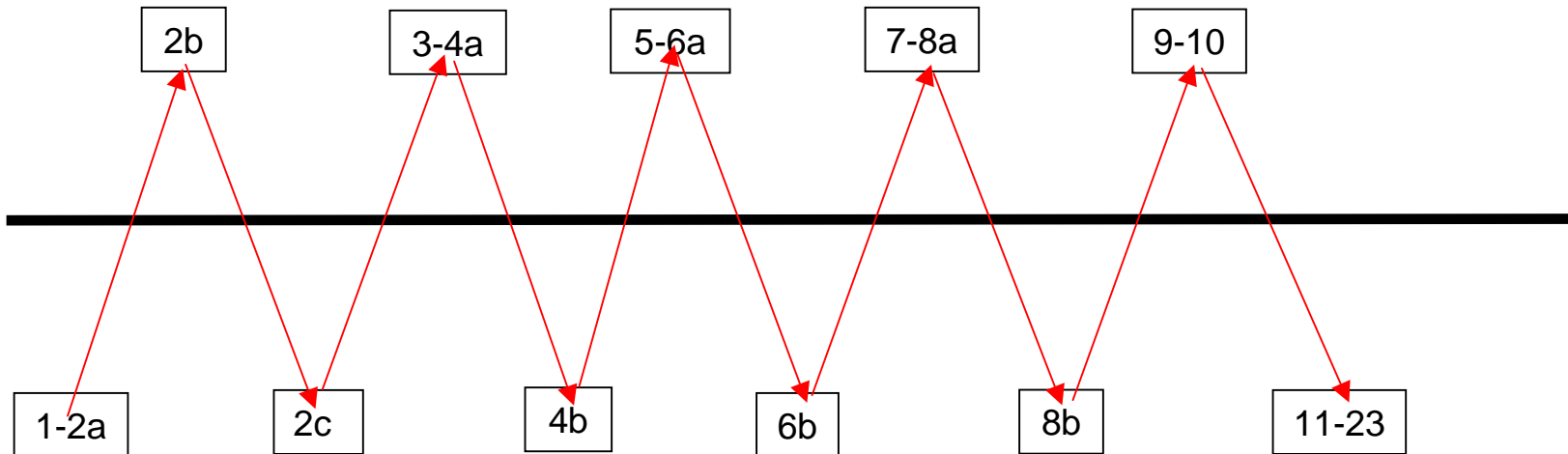


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# Position and Condition in Romans 6

## Position



## Condition

Note: some times a verse can be either positional or conditional – please allow interpretative room for this



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- Facts of verses 16-19

- Verse 16

General knowledge  
of presenting

- Presenting oneself to sin makes one a slave to sin resulting in death
- Presenting oneself to obedience of faith makes one a slave of God resulting in righteousness

- Verse 17-18

Salvation  
(positional)

- They trusted in the Lord as their Savior and are now free from sin and are slaves to righteousness

- Verse 19

Present yourself  
this way for this  
result

- Present your members as slaves of righteousness resulting in sanctification



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#### *Slaves to sin*

#### *Slaves to righteousness/God*

Separated from God	Have become slaves to God
Results in death	Results in righteousness
Results in more lawlessness	Results in sanctification
Free from righteousness	Ashamed of sin
	Outcome eternal life



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- Speaking in human terms
  - Using slavery analogies – examples that they would understand because much of the population in Rome at that time were slaves
- Because of the weakness/infirmary of your flesh
  - They are having a hard time understanding what Paul is trying to teach
  - They were much of the time still walking in the flesh
- You presented your members slaves to impurity/uncleanness and lawlessness/iniquity
  - Before salvation they presented their bodies to sin 100% of the time because they had no other option (Present is aorist, active, indicative, plural)
  - It appears that even after salvation they were spending much of their time walking in the flesh
- Resulting in *further* lawlessness
  - When they were walking in the flesh – presenting their members to impurity and lawlessness this led to ever increasing lawlessness.
  - The flesh will only produce more of the flesh



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- Here is the comparison
  - Just as you presented . . .so now present
  - You presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness resulting in lawlessness
  - Now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto or resulting in sanctification
- Present your members
  - All believers must right now present your body as a slave to righteousness (Present is aorist, active, imperative, plural)
  - This is only possible because God has positionally already freed us from sin and made us positionally slaves of righteousness. (vs. 17-18)
  - “The believers position in Christ is intended to be applied, & is the basis for every application in the Christian life” Vern Peterman
  - So, by faith in our position we must (here is the application) right now present our bodies as slaves of righteousness



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- Present/yield your members
  - “To place beside or near, to set at hand, to provide, to proffer (offer)” – Thayer’s Greek Lexicon
  - When presenting is it important to make a distinction between presenting our members to the flesh or the Spirit?
    - Yes, we want to present our bodies as dead to sin and alive to God
    - “Application in the Christian life is about who Christ is, & His life (Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:4), & therefore it is about who we are “in Him”” Vern Peterman
    - Based on who we are in Him and faith in our new life with Him believes are to right now by faith allow the Lord to live His life in and through us
    - Romans 12:1
- Slaves to righteousness
  - Righteousness is only found in Christ
  - Slaves to the character and life of Christ because as we are walking by faith and Christ is living His life in and through us – this is slavery to freedom in Christ
  - As we are presenting our bodies, dead to sin and alive to God, then Christ will be living His life in and through us therefore we are slaves to righteousness





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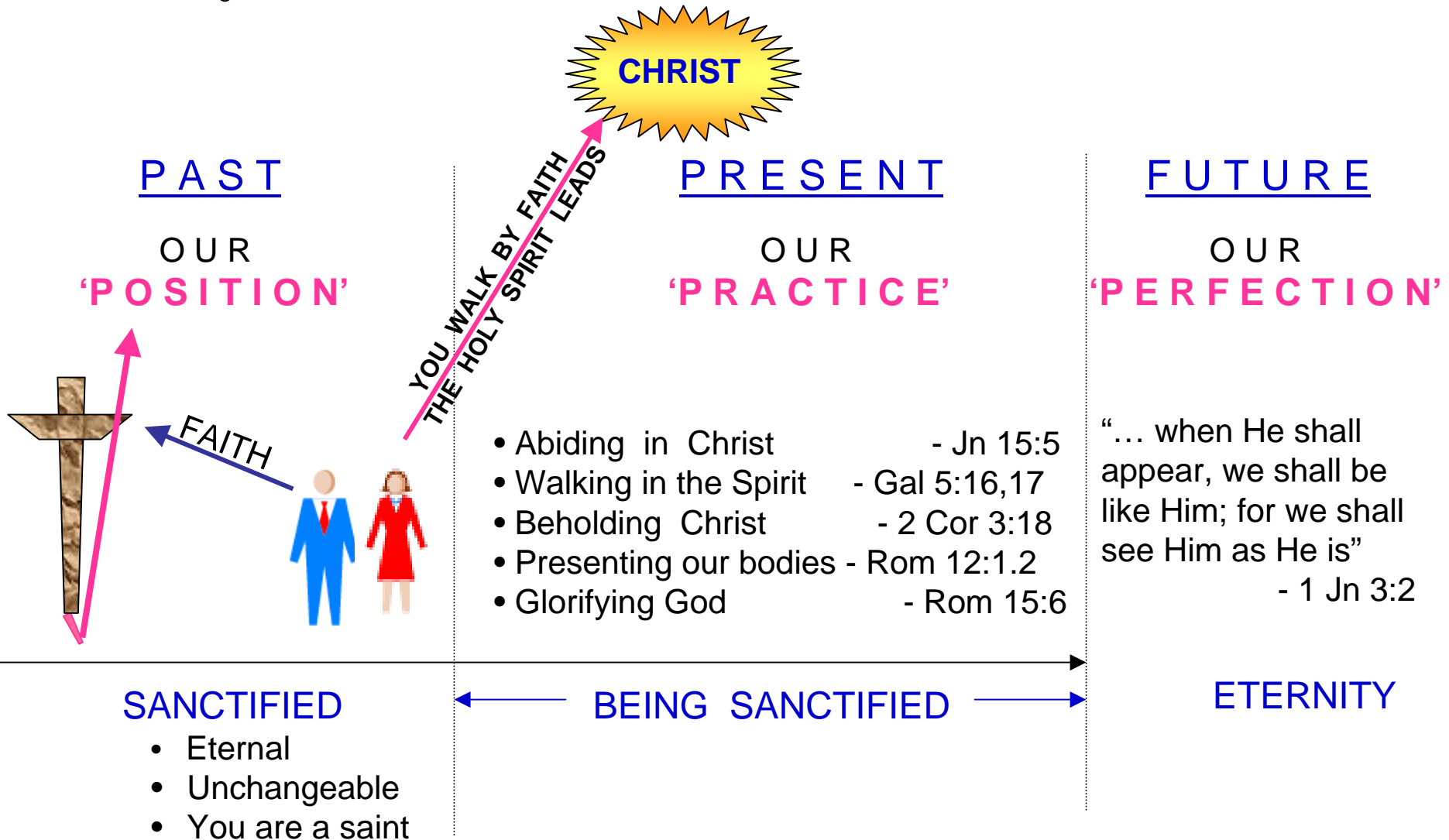
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- The result is sanctification/holiness
  - Sanctification – to set apart for a special purpose
  - To set apart from one thing or purpose to another thing or purpose
  - Believers have been positionally and are being conditionally set apart from the sin nature to the new nature the life of Christ
  - Sanctification has a past, present and future meaning.
    - Past or positional sanctification – it has already happened because we are “in Christ”
    - Present sanctification is our practice – this is what is referred to in Romans 6:19 – as we are walking by faith presenting ourselves to Him as slaves to righteousness we will be conditionally set apart from the sin nature and Christ is manifested in and through us.
    - Future or perfect sanctification – this will happen when we are with the Lord in glory
  - This word is used 10 times in the NT
    - 5 times translated sanctification
    - 5 times translated holiness
    - 1 Thess. 4:3-7

Several of these thoughts came from the Major Bible Themes class, # 31 Sanctification, taught by Hal and Roger – see that lesson for more detail on sanctification

# SANCTIFICATION

## What Are The Aspects Of Sanctification ?





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- Believers have changes masters
  - We are born out from the slavery of the sin nature into the slavery of righteousness, the new nature – the very life of Christ

