

***“Yield Yourselves Unto God!”***  
***Romans 6:13-14***

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Return In Our Bibles This Morning:
  - To The Sixth Chapter Of The Book Of Romans:
    - Romans 6 - Where The Apostle Paul:
      - Has Been Describing For Us:
        - In Vivid Detail:
          - The Reality Of Every True Believer In Jesus Christ!
  - The Reality That:
    - When You Are Justified:
      - By Faith Alone:
        - You Are Then United With Jesus Christ:
          - In Both His Death:
            - And - In His Resurrection!
  - And This Special Union With Christ:
    - Results In Real Freedom:
      - From Christ!
2. And Now - You Have The Freedom:
  - To “Walk In” The:
    - “Newness Of Life” That You Were Given:
      - As A New Creature:
        - In Jesus Christ!
  - And This Walk Involves:
    - What We Started Looking At Last Sunday:
      - From 6:11-12 - Where Paul Explains That We Now Have:
        - A Great New Reckoning As Christians
          - Which Is:
            - A New Way Of Thinking About Things!
              - But We Also Have:
                - A Great New Responsibility As Christians!
  - So - We Are Told To:
    - “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. / Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof!”
      - So - As A Christian:
        - God Wants You Live Like You Are Both:
          - Dead And Alive!
            - “Dead Indeed Unto Sin, But Alive Unto God Through Jesus Christ Our Lord!” (6:11)
3. Well - In The Next Two Verses:
  - Paul Continues To Describe:
    - This Great New Responsibility:
      - We Have As Christians!
        - And - In 6:13 - He Puts It Quite Simply:
          - “Yield Yourselves Unto God!”
  - Let's Look More Closely:
    - At 6:13-14 Together This Morning:
      - Where Paul Continues:
        - “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. / For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace!”
4. The Main Thrust:
  - Of All Of These Verses:
    - Is - Again - What Paul Writes:
      - In 6:13 - “Yield Yourselves Unto God!”
        - If You Leave Today With Nothing Else:

- I Want You To Leave With Those Four Words:
  - Ringing In Your Ears & Embedded In Your Heart:
- “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
  - Because - As We See In 6:13:
  - This Is:

**1. *An Important Purpose:***

- For Your New Life As A Christian!
  - A Very Important Purpose!
    - Because - When You Were:
      - Saved By Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ:
      - It Was So That You Would:
- Stop Yielding To Sin!
  - Even As Paul Says:
    - In The First Part Of 6:13 - “Neither Yield Ye Your Members As Instruments Of Unrighteousness Unto Sin!”
      - Remember - Sin Is Your **Old** Master!
        - But - Now - Since, United In Christ, You Are “Dead Indeed Unto Sin”:
        - You Owe No More Allegiance To The Kingdom Of Sin!
    - But - That Does Not Mean That:
      - Sin & Satan Will Not Try To:
        - Regain Control Over:
          - That Part Of You:
            - That Is Not Yet Entirely Free From Temptation:
              - And That Is, Your Flesh!
      - As Paul Puts It Here:
        - “Your Members!”
          - The Members Of Your “Mortal Body” (6:12) That Are Still In This Period & Place Of Transition!
    - Of Course, This Would Include:
      - The Physical Members / Parts:
        - Of Your Body:
          - That Still So Often Get You Into Trouble:
            - Like Your Eyes & Your Ears & Your Mouth!
          - **IE:** Like The Children Song - “O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See!” / (Ears - Hear) / (Mouth - Say)
      - But - This Would Also Include:
        - The Other Natural Members / Parts:
          - Of Your Existence As A Human Being!
            - Like Your Mind, Your Will, And Your Emotions!
              - Which Is Why In Philippians 4:8 - Paul Presents A List Of Things That We Should Think Upon! “Think On These Things!”
      - You See - Sin Isn’t Really Picky!
        - Sin Isn’t Really Choosy!
          - It Will Try To Use Anything It Can:
            - As An “Instrument” Or A “Tool” To Accomplish Its Goal:
              - Of Spreading More & More “Unrighteousness” In This World:
                - In Opposition To God!
            - And - It Will Use:
              - Whatever “Member” Of Your “Mortal Body” It Can:
                - To Try To Get In The Way Of God’s Work, Both **In** You & **Through** You!
          - The Word Translated Here As “Instruments”:
            - In Other Places Is Translated:
              - “Weapons!”
                - And That Reminds Us Of The Spiritual Battle That Is Taking Place, Right Now, For Souls!
        - Now - How Can Sin Do This?

- Well - Before You Are Saved:
  - Its Easy!
    - Because, You Are Part Of Sin's Kingdom & Domain!
- But Once You Become A Christian:
  - By Turning To & Trusting In Jesus:
    - As Your Savior:
      - The Only Way Sin Can Gain A Foothold Back In Your Life:
        - Is If You Let It!
- And So - That Is Why Paul Says:
  - As Part Of Your Responsibility & Purpose:
    - 6:13a - "Neither Yield Ye Your Members As Instruments Of Unrighteousness Unto Sin!"
      - But - At The Same Time - Your Purpose Is Now To:
- Start Yielding To God!
  - Even As Paul Tells Us:
    - In The Next Part Of 6:13 - "But Yield Yourselves Unto God, As Those That Are Alive From The Dead, And Your Members As Instruments Of Righteousness Unto God!"
      - Remember - God Is Your *New* Master:
        - Because You Are "Alive Unto God Through Jesus Christ Our Lord!"
  - And - God's Desire:
    - Is To Use You:
      - As *His* "Instrument" & As *His* "Tool" To Accomplish *His* Purpose:
        - Of Spreading More & More Of His "Righteousness" In This World!
    - Isn't This What Jesus Describes For Us:
      - In Matthew 5:14-16 - Sermon On The Mount - "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. / Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. / Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven!"
  - And - God Doesn't Just Want:
    - The "*Members*" Of Your Body:
      - As In - A Little Bit Here & A Little Bit There!
        - But - He Wants *All* Of You!
          - "Yield *Yourselves* Unto God" - Paul Says!
            - Your Whole Self!
    - God Doesn't Just Want:
      - Your *Hands* Of Service:
        - He Wants Your *Heart!*
- After All - This Is The Important Purpose:
  - That God Has For Your New Life:
    - In Christ!
      - But - Just What Does It Mean:
        - When We Are Told To "Yield?"
  - Of Course - Immediately:
    - A "Yield" Sign Comes To Mind:
      - Like - Yielding To Traffic!
        - But - There Is More To This Word In This Verse!
  - To Yield Means:
    - To Willingly Put Yourself:
      - At The Disposal Of Another!
        - **IE:** It Was Used To Describe A Group Of Soldiers Standing In Formation, Ready To Carry Out The Wishes Of Their Commander!
    - To Yield Means That:
      - You Are Available!
        - That You Are Ready To Do The Wishes Of Another! This Means That You Have No Other Commitments Or Engagements To Get In The Way!
      - So - To Whom Are You Available Today?
        - To Sin Or To God?

- To Yield Also Means That:
  - You Are Accessible!
    - Like The Soldiers That Are Close Enough To Hear The Words And The Wishes Of Their Commanders!
  - So - Who Are You Closer To Today?
    - To Sin Or To God?
- To Yield Also Means That:
  - You Are Allegiant!
    - That You Are Dedicated To The Person & The Purpose Of Another!
  - So - Who Has Your Allegiance Today?
    - Sin Or The Lord?
- Remember This Important Purpose!
  - “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
  - But Then - You Need To Also Remember:

## 2. ***An Important Principle:***

- That Makes This Even Possible:
  - In Your Life, As A Christian!
    - An Important Principle - That Is Once Again:
      - Stated In 6:13 - “As Those That Are Alive From The Dead!”
      - This Is The Same Principle That Paul Has Emphasized:
        - Over And Over Again In This Chapter - And Even:
          - Other Times In His Other Letters!
  - “Yield Yourself Unto God” - Because Of:
    - The Great Change:
      - That God Has Wrought In Your Life!
        - In Your Relationship To Sin:
          - You Are Now:
            - “Dead!”
      - In The Past:
        - You Were Living Under:
          - The Jurisdiction:
            - Of Sin & Of Satan Himself!
        - But Through The Death Of Jesus Christ:
          - You Have Been Forever Released:
            - From Their Tyranny!
              - You Are Free!
                - Free Now To “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
      - But You Can Do This Also - Because Of:
        - The Great Condition:
          - That You Now Have:
            - In Your Relationship To God:
              - You Are Now:
                - “Alive!”
          - This Is Your Present Condition!
            - You Are Living Under:
              - The Jurisdiction:
                - Of The Lord Jesus Christ!
            - Because - Through His Resurrection:
              - You Have Been Forever Revived:
                - And Are Now Free:
                  - To “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
          - Isn't This What The Apostle Paul Had In Mind:
            - When He Wrote:
              - Galatians 2:20 - “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me!”
            - It Is Because of This Principle:

- That You Are “Alive From The Dead” - That:
  - You Have Been Enabled To:
    - “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
    - So - Remember This Principle!
- But Also - Remember That:
  - This Is All According To:

### 3. *An Important Promise:*

- That We Find In The Next Verse:
  - 6:14a - “For Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You!”
    - So - Even Though The Pull Of Sin:
      - And The Temptation To Sin:
        - May Seen Overwhelmingly Strong At Times:
          - Yet - This Promise Is:
- An Absolute Promise!
  - “Sin **Shall Not** Have Dominion Over You!”
    - Sin Will Never Again:
      - Be Your Lord And Master:
        - As It Once Was In Your Life:
          - When You Were Without Christ!
  - So Now - You Can - Without Any Reservation:
    - “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
      - Because There Is No Danger:
        - Of Being Recaptured:
          - By Sin & By Satan:
            - Your Former Masters!
    - Because - This Promise Is Also:
  - An Active Promise!
    - It Serves As A Reminder To You:
      - Day In & Day Out:
        - That You Are Not Involved In:
          - A Hopeless Or A Helpless Struggle With Sin!
    - As Charles Hodge Once Wrote:
      - “The Power Of Sin Has Been Effectually Broken, And The Triumph Of Holiness Effectually Secured By The Work Of Christ!”
    - So - Remember This Important Promise!
      - “Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You!”
        - And This Is Because:
          - As The Apostle John Put It:
            - In 1 John 4:4 - “Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world!”
      - So - Even Though There May Still Be:
        - Times In Your Life When:
          - Sin May:
            - Entice You!
          - Or When:
            - Sin May:
              - Hinder You!
          - Or Even When:
            - Sin May:
              - Ensnare You!
          - Yet - As A Christian:
            - As One Who Now Has:
              - Jesus Christ As Your Lord And Master:
          - Sin Will Never Again:
            - Rule Over You!
              - And That’s A Promise!
        - So - As You Believe In & Hold On To This Promise:
          - “Yield Yourself Unto God!”

- And The Reason Why You Can Trust In This Promise:
- Is Because You Are Now Living Under:

#### 4. ***An Important Privilege!***

- Even As Paul Points Out:
  - At The End Of 6:14 - "For Ye Are Not Under The Law, But Under Grace!"
    - Now - At First - This Statement:
      - Seems A Little Surprising, If Not A Bit Jarring!
      - Because - You Would Expect Paul To Say:
        - "Ye Are Not Under ***Sin!***"
    - But - That's Not What He Says!
      - After Describing How - As A Christian:
        - Your Relationship With Sin:
          - Is Broken - The Reason He Provides Is This:
            - Its Because - "For" - "Ye Are Not Under The Law!"
      - Now - Paul Has Already Written Extensively:
        - In Romans - About God's Law:
          - Which Is Clearly What He Is Referring To Here As Well!
          - But - It Is Also Clear:
            - That God's Law Comes To Us In Different Forms!
    - First - In Order Of Time:
      - There Is The ***Consciousness*** Of God's Law:
        - Which Is Given To Every Man By God:
          - Through The Use Of His Conscience!
        - Paul Describes This Back In:
          - 2:15 - "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: / Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean-while accusing or else excusing one another!"
        - But This Consciousness Of God's Law:
          - Is Very Limited:
            - And Is Easily Tainted:
              - By Sin! So That Is Why:
        - There Was Next - The ***Code*** Of God's Law:
          - Which Was Given To The Children Of Israel By The Hand Of Moses:
            - On Mount Sinai!
              - It Began With The Ten Commandments, Which Is A Summary Of God's ***Moral*** Law!
                - But Then - It Expanded Into ***Civil*** Laws, For The National Life Of Israel, As Well As ***Ceremonial*** Laws, For The Religious Life Of Israel!
        - And - All Of God's Law:
          - Whether In Your Conscience:
            - Or - In Code Form - Is:
              - According To 7:12 - "Holy & Just & Good!"
          - So - What Does The Apostle Paul Mean:
            - When He Tells Us:
              - As A Point Of Privilege:
                - That "Ye Are Not Under The Law?"
              - He Seems To Mean That:
                - You And I - As Christians:
                  - Are No Longer Living:
          - In The Storm Of God's Law!
            - You See - Even Though God's Law ***Is***:
              - "Holy & Just & Good!"
                - Yet - God Designed His Law:
                  - ***Not To Perfect*** Sinners:
                    - But - To ***Convict*** Sinners, Just Like Us!
            - According To 3:20:

- Paul Tells Us That:
  - “By The Law Is The Knowledge Of Sin!”
  - So - God Uses His Law:
    - To **Convince** Us:
      - **Of** Our Sin!
- Also - According To 4:15:
  - Paul Tells Us That:
    - “The Law Worketh Wrath!”
    - So - God Also Uses His Law:
      - To **Condemn** Us:
        - **In** Our Sin!
- But - What Seems Rather Harsh:
  - To Us - As Sinners:
    - Is Actually What God Calls:
      - “Holy & Just & Good!”
      - Why?
  - Because - God Designed His Law:
    - To Lead Us To Jesus!
      - Galatians 3:24 - “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith!”
- But - Until We Turn To & Trust In Jesus Christ:
  - God’s Law - Whether In Our Conscience:
    - Or In His Word:
      - Can Seem Like A Storm & A Whirlwind In Our Hearts!
- And When This Happens:
  - Sin Sees Its Chance!
    - And So, Sin Will Use The Same Law:
      - That God Designed For Our Good:
        - To Control Us And To Enslave Us Even More:
          - Though Anger & Through Fear!
- But - What Does Paul Say?
  - 6:14b - “Ye Are Not Under Law!”
    - When You Trust In Jesus Christ:
      - God’s Purposes For His Law:
        - To Convict You! And:
        - To Condemn You!
          - Is Fulfilled!
- So - Even Though God’s Law:
  - Still Has A Function:
    - As We’ve Been Exploring On Sunday Nights Together!
      - God’s Law - For The Christian:
        - Teaches Us More About God & His Wonder, His Will, And His Ways!
    - Yet - You Are No Longer “Under” It:
      - As Under The Storm Of God’s Charges Against You!
        - So Now - Not Even Sin Can Use God’s Law:
          - Against You!
    - At Times - It May Still Try!
      - By Bringing Up Doubt And Guilt When You Sin!
- But - All Of The Law’s Demands:
  - Upon You:
    - Have Been Satisfied:
      - By Jesus Christ On The Cross!
- The Righteousness:
  - Demanded By The Law:
    - To Which We Fall Short!
- The Punishment:
  - Demanded By The Law:

- Which We Deserved!
- Even - The Completeness:
  - Demanded By The Law:
    - Which We Could Never Fulfill!
- All Of These Demands:
  - Have Been Satisfied:
    - By Our Lord Jesus Christ!
      - So That Now - As A Christian:
        - You Are Living:
- Under The Shelter Of God's Grace!
  - 6:14b - "For Ye Are Not Under The Law, But Under Grace!"
    - God's Grace:
      - Is The Undeserved & Unearned:
        - Favor & Love:
          - Of God To Us - Even As Sinners!
      - Grace Is Part Of His Nature!
        - Even As He Described Himself:
          - To Moses In Exodus 34:6 - "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth!"
      - **IE:** And - His Grace:
        - Is Like An Umbrella:
          - That Shelters You:
            - From The Storm That Is Swirling All Around You!
    - The Storm Of Sin & The Law:
      - Demands Separation:
        - From God - But God's Grace:
          - Provides Eternal Fellowship!
    - The Storm Of Sin & The Law:
      - Results In Slavery:
        - To Sin - But God's Grace:
          - Provides Eternal Freedom!
    - The Storm Of Sin & The Law:
      - Requires Constant Submission:
        - Because Sin Is Never Satisfied!
          - But God's Grace:
            - Provides Eternal Fulfilment!
    - And The Shelter Of God's Grace:
      - Is What Renders Sin:
        - And Satan Himself:
          - Incapable To Ever Rule Over You Again!
  - And That Is Why Now:
    - You Can:
      - "Yield Yourself Unto God!"
        - Because - By The Privilege Of God's Grace:
          - You Can!

### **Conclusion:**

1. So - What Are You Going To Remember:
  - From This Message This Morning?
    - I Hope Its This:
      - "Yield Yourself Unto God!"
  - After All:
    - This Is Your Very Purpose:
      - As A Christian!
    - And - Its Based On:
      - The Principle That:
        - You Are "Alive From The Dead!"



- “Yield Yourself Unto God!”
  - Because - Not Only:
    - Do You Have God’s ***Promise*** To ***Hope*** In:
      - You Also Have:
        - The ***Privilege*** Of His Grace:
          - To ***Live*** By!

2. So - “Yield Yourself Unto God!”

- \* Are You Yielding Yourself To God Today?
- \* How Will You Respond When You Are Faced With Temptation?
- \* How Are You Responding To God’s Grace?

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