**A Foundational Doctrine from the Risen Saviour**

**taught to us today only by Paul and found only in a King James Bible.**

**Romans 7:15-25**

**My first question after I jumped into the Paul-Only pool!**

*(which was followed by pastors and missionaries mocking and hatefully arguing with me; they were even as low as sending a missionary as a gutless spy as they all attempted to kill Paul in my life. They were afraid that I was going to ‘go Hyper’ and kill the church I was pastoring at the time!)*

Based on my initial reading and learning about **Romans 7:15-25** and then adding **Colossians 2:11-15** along with **Romans 4:7,8,24-25**, I began asking myself this question:

**Am I still a ‘sinner’ even though I am saved?**

After all, my sins are not being imputed to me now!

I knew I couldn’t go to **I John 1:5-10** at the time even though I didn’t really know why, but based on what Paul taught in his books, those verses didn’t fit with Paul’s teachings of the Risen Christ.

I remember asking various Independent Baptist pastors and ministerial and missionary friends and even some of the ‘big gun preachers’ that question. Their answers reminded me of the tv show Hee Haw – they made no sense to me at all. They were wishy washy and had no doctrinal understanding thus having no final conclusions; especially no scriptural proof to disprove my thoughts. They just talked in circles and if they couldn’t even do that – and most couldn’t – then they just called me names and made various accusations about being a Hyper and that I am going to destroy my church, etc.

My own Sunday School teacher knew where I was going with this and so he eventually left the church – and left with a basket full of pride and bitterness because I chose to no longer follow his favorite teacher, artist and pastor, but that I chose to follow Paul.

Regardless of those worthless conversations, and from that point on, again based on Romans 7, I believed the answer was wholeheartedly “**no”** – and I had some simple basic reasons to explain myself! However, few people would accept my self-studied conclusions – then or today; many don’t even understand my question in the first place. Apparently, it made no sense to them, but it sure made complete sense so me: “*If sin is not imputed, I am no longer a sinner!”* – and another clue for me was my observation that Paul never calls the ‘brethren’ sinners as the Gentiles were called in the gospels, etc.

Well, this is 2019, at least 13+ years since I first got into this stuff and now I am seeing more than ever that I was correct with my simplified conclusion and answer to that question… I can not only substantiate the answer in better and complete detail, I can also see the great importance of understanding this ‘doctrine’ from Paul.

Unfortunately, I also see from over those many years, now most people have become so non-bible, anti-scriptural, so religiously oriented and so pastorally duped as well as blinded to any even burp of understanding – they simply ***will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth***, even if the truth is as exciting and wonderful as this particular one – they won’t even consider the possibilities that I am about to present – as Scriptural facts! Isn’t it amazing just much has fallen away in just the last few years**? II Thessalonians 2:3 *- Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;***

And with his good words and fair speeches their loving and deeply loved pastor or pastorette, their favorite author, musician, etc. will continue to ***deceive the hearts of the simple*** (**Romans 16:18**), and will ***turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*** (**II Timothy 4:4**)

Wouldn’t you think they would like to know Christ doesn’t just ‘say’ you are saved… which would possibly also be able to mean Christ will ‘say’ you are not saved, too.

Instead – you would think they would love to hear how Christ actually ‘makes’ you saved. How he cuts away that rotten flesh full of sins / and sin… and makes you dead to that sin. How he imputes HIS righteousness to your account and does NOT impute any of your ‘sins’ now. Wouldn’t you think they would want to at least look into it – just a little? Maybe?

But no! It doesn’t even matter to them if you can ‘show’ them ‘the verses’ because 1) their bible doesn’t say that (if they know that, anyway); 2) their pastor says it is wrong; 3) it sounds like science fiction to them; 4) they are so conceited in their own self-professed good works, they don’t believe they even need this kind of doctrine, etc.

I have heard them say, “I have a high IQ!” *“I have known when God is speaking to me since I was a little girl!”* or “*I have always known when God is the one speaking to me in my heart.” “I can just tell – I feel it!”* (So how to they study? Do they study? Do they just trust their pastor! Maybe they just lose interest in doctrinal differences and simply want to love everyone and worship together.)

They also try to quote (badly, too, I might add.) **II Timothy 3:16**, “***All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness…***” telling me that the entire Bible is written TO them and that any and all verses apply TO them. However, when I try to ‘fix’ that pastoral pulpit lie, they just roll their eyes and think I am trying to just pick and choose (which is exactly what they MUST do) or that I am making this all too difficult and confusing (yet going to Paul-Only simplifies everything).

To them. the whole concept of no final authority other than themselves means they don’t need ‘one’ Bible, in fact, between themselves and their wonderful pastor, they don’t need a Bible anymore these days – thus they don’t care about all the different versions, thinking there would be one bible would be archaic and pointless to them.

It is amazingly frustrating trying to get them to see. However, I always remind myself it took me 25 years after someone tried to tell me to follow Paul-Only for me to finally ‘catch on’ to the true simplicity in Christ through Paul. So just plant the seed – try twice and then move on, I guess. **Titus 3:10** ***A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject…***

Apparently, they think this ‘teaching about Paul looking to the teachings of the risen Saviour’ is just the dumbest ‘*excuse to sin’* they ever heard; or if someone else does something ‘wrong’ in their religiously judgmental eyes, then based on their own religious church loving pastor, they will accuse them of ‘following Paulson’ just so they can keep on sinning and *conforming to this world* and *enjoying the ways of the world*, etc.

However, before we look at the actual doctrinal position in closer yet simple detail, let me first show you **just how important** it is for us to truly understand what Paul is teaching to us.

**The Importance of Romans 7:15-25**

Be not children in understanding… **I Corinthians 14:20**

Eyes of your understanding being enlightened**… Ephesians 1:18**

Being filled with … spiritual understanding… **Colossians 1:9**

The full assurance of understanding… **Colossians 2:2**

The Lord give thee understanding… **II Timothy 2:7**

I continue to see that there is so much more to this joy, comfort, understanding and spiritual assurance, etc from my King James Bible than I have ever realized; but here we can also begin to experience it all better when we can grasp **Romans 7:15-25** in all that means to each one of us.

**If you completely grasp this doctrine from Paul, we literally see and experience …**

1. **How His grace IS truly sufficient!**
	1. **II Corinthians 12:9a *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee…***
2. **And how His grace IS our strength day to day!**
	1. **II Corinthians 12:9b *… for my strength is made perfect in weakness.***
3. **And how we can actually glory in our infirmities!**
	1. **II Corinthians 12:9c - *Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.***
4. **How we can have a clean conscience like Paul, despite those things we do that we ought not do!**
	1. **II Timothy 1:3** ***I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience…***
5. **How we should feel towards others instead of being so quick to judge the saved!**
	1. **Romans 14:13**, ***Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.***
	2. **Romans 14:19***,* ***Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God***…
6. **How we should feel more compassion and understanding, not being so judgmental towards the lost! They are not lost’ because of any specific bad work or lifestyle, no matter how bad, etc. as street preachers like to yell at people.**
	1. they are ‘lost’ because of **Ephesians 2:12** ***That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants******of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*** and
	2. …are dead in their sins and are still attached – **Colossians 2:13a** - ***And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh…***
7. **How this should make it easier for us to forgive others because we should understand they are still attached to their sins – it isn’t them necessarily – they are just attached to that wicked flesh! Even when they ‘choose’ to do the right thing, they are still in the flesh; they cannot please God.**
	1. **Romans 8:8-9** - ***So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.***
	2. But they can sure pretend; that is the big danger of being a good person caught up in a religion – even a ‘good’ religion that talks a strong gospel talk of the apostle’s doctrine!
		1. **Galatians 1:6-8** - ***I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.***
8. **How this should make it easier for us to forgive OURSELVES!**
	1. Because we know what we were ‘were’ like and are ‘now’ like – **II Corinthians 5:17** - ***Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.***
	2. **Romans 4:8** - ***Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.***
	3. **Romans 6:18 *- Being then made free from sin…***
	4. **I Corinthians 1:30 *- But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:***
	5. **II Corinthians 5:21 *- For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***
	6. No matter how bad we fall, we can and should just get up and get back on track – the best we can. Keep in mind what Paul said…
		1. ***But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.***
		2. ***O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?***
		3. ***I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.* Romans 7:23-25**
9. **How the King James Bible is so instrumental in the actual ‘operation made without hands’ that makes this all possible.**
	1. **Ephesians 6:17 -** … ***and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:***
	2. **Hebrews 4:12** - ***For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***
	3. **Colossians 2:11-13** - ***In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;***
10. **How we can appreciate this particular dispensation of the grace of God – as the best ever!**
	1. **Ephesians 3:2, *If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:***
11. **Why Paul says grace, mercy and peace so many times to the brethren!**
	1. **I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy1:2; Titus 1:4**
12. **The necessity of searching the Scriptures daily!**
	1. **Acts 17:11** - ***These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.***
13. **That it is this basic doctrine that makes the goodness of God able to bring others to repentance!**
	1. **Romans 2:4b** - ***…knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?***
14. **That it is the part of being able to grow daily, abounding more and more in our furtherance and joy of faith that can be so important to us as well as to His glory!**
	1. **Philippians 1:9-11 *- And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.***
	2. **Philippians 1:25,26 *- And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.***
15. **How we can truly bring fruit to God!**
	1. **Romans 6:22 *- But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.***
	2. **Romans 7:4 *- Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.***
16. **How we can truly live unto God every second of every day – no matter what!**
	1. **Galatians 2:19** - ***For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.***
17. **Why God so ‘hammers’ the ‘correctors’ and scholars who have stolen and destroyed this doctrine!**
	1. **I Timothy 6:4,5** - ***He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness:***
	2. **II Timothy 2:15-17 *- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker…***
18. **The deeper meaning and understanding about our flesh! Romans 13:14**
	1. ***But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.***
19. **The difference between dead in sins and dead to sin!**
	1. **Colossians 2:13 *- And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh…***
	2. **Romans 6:2 *- …How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?***
	3. **Romans 6:11 *- Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.***
20. **That Satan imitates this doctrine to deceive the world into his army!**
	1. **Isaiah 14:14 *- I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.***
	2. **I Timothy 4:1 *- Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;***
21. **How religion ignores and rejects this doctrine!**
	1. **Act 19:27 *- So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.***
	2. **II Timothy 3:5 *- Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.***
22. **How pastors deny this doctrine to his/her/it’s congregation!**
	1. **II Timothy 3:13** - ***But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.***
23. **Modern Bibles eliminate this doctrine in their corrupted modern versions!**
	1. **II Corinthians 2:17** - ***For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.***
24. **How Scholars simply have no clue about the risen Saviour!**
	1. **I Corinthians 1:19-21** - ***For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.***

**Now, for the actual study.**

Not complicated!

Not long!

Not deep!

Just simple, to the point!

We start off by learning / accepting / understanding more and more

and then continuing to remember that…

**…All Have Sinned**

**Romans 3:23**

***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;***

*We WERE sinners, but now we are not sinners!*

What a wild statement! Yes, it is! But it is joyfully true!

Continue reading!

**Romans 5:8**

***But God commendeth his love toward us, in that,***

***while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.***

**We were dead in trespasses and sins**
**Ephesians 2:1-3**

***And you … who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.***

**Ephesians 2:5**

***Even when we were dead in sins…***

**Colossians 2:13**

***And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh…***

**We were without Christ, had no hope and were without God**

**Ephesians 2:11,12**

***Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, … That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:***

**As Gentiles, were the sinners:**

**Galatians 2:15**

***We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,***

**Jews** – chosen – of the Circumcision – read the Gospels and Tribulation books.

**Gentiles** – NOT chosen – sinners - heathen – of the Uncircumcision – read Paul’s books!

**Paul was the Worst!**

**I Timothy 1:15**

***This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation,***

***that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;***

***of whom I am chief.***

**We were made sinners; but now, we were made righteous!**

**Romans 5:19**

***For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners,***

***so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.***

Thanks to Adam in the garden!

**Romans 5:14 *- Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.***

Thanks to Jesus on the cross!

**I Corinthians 15:22 *- For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.***

**I Corinthians 15:45 *- And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.***

**But Now!**

**Ephesians 2:4,5,13**

***But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.***

**Ephesians 2:1**

***And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;***

**Ephesians 2:5**

***Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,***

***(by grace ye are saved;)***

**Done by an operation made without hands!**

**Colossians 2:11-13**

***In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses***

**You see, the law is for sinners and we were under the law!**

**I Timothy 1:9**

***Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane,***

***for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,***

**Romans 3:19**

***Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.***

**Romans 7:5**

***For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.***

 **However, NOW we are ‘Dead to the Law’**

**Romans 7:6**

**But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.**

**Romans 3:21,22**

***But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested,***

***being witnessed by the law and the prophets;***

 ***Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all***

***and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:***

Let the ‘gospel’ people today see this in us today.

This another reason we need to read the OT, not ‘just’ Paul!

**Romans 3:24**

***Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:***

**Conclusion**

**Now we can bring forth fruit unto God!**

**Romans 7:4**

***Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead,***

***that we should bring forth fruit unto God.***

**Now I can live unto God!**

**Galatians 2:19**

***For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.***

**It’s not just me “doing” right!**

**It is me “being” right** –

because I am separated from my flesh!

Because you see, when we do something we ought not,

it isn’t us doing it!

**Now, let’s read again – Romans 7:15-23**

THAT is Paul’s great doctrine that hardly anyone has heard, learned, understands,

or even remembers today!

**We are no longer sinners.**

Paul does not mention us as sinners!

And PS - **I John 1:8** is not us saying ***we have no sin***!

We have sin – plenty of it – it is ‘in us’ but we are not “connected!”

And if you do truly understand the depth and dispensational truth of God’s love, the goodness of God, the kindness of God, the mercy and grace of God today because of this – read this whole sermon again – and smile in God’s grace, mercy and peace!

**Post-Conclusion Question**

**What if we are still found sinners?**

**Galatians 2:17**

***But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ,***

***we ourselves also are found sinners,***

 ***is therefore Christ the minister of sin?***

***God forbid.***

**Romans 3:7**

***For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory;***

***why yet am I also judged as a sinner?***