

IV Review. The Two Marriages of the Believer, Rom 6:1–13

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Paul's Behavior Problem

The Neurological Explanation of Paul's Dilemma in Romans 7:14-Romans 7:25

I. Introduction

In order to put our central passage into context we noted three things:

- a. An outline of the book of Romans.
- b. A review of the corrected translation of Romans 6.
- c. An overview of the teaching aid used in Romans 7:1-Romans 7:13.

There is no need to review the outline of the book of Romans. However, it is important to review the corrected and expanded translation of:

Romans 6:1 - Therefore, to what conclusion are we forced? Are we to continue in the sovereignty of the sinful nature in order that the grace of God might increase?

Romans 6:2 - Emphatically not! We who have died to the sinful nature, how shall we still live in it?

Romans 6:3 - Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been immersed [*baptizo*] into Christ Jesus have been immersed [*baptizo*] into His Spiritual Death?

Romans 6:4 - Therefore, we have been buried together with Him through the baptism of the Holy Spirit into His death in order that as Christ has historically been resurrected from deaths, through the glory of God the Father, so also we might have the option to walk [*peripateo*] in newness of life.

Romans 6:5 - If we have become intimately united with Him in the likeness of His death, and we in fact have, not only this but also we shall in fact be intimately united to the likeness of His resurrection.

Retroactive Positional Truth

The believer, at the moment of salvation, is supernaturally taken by the Holy Spirit and immersed into the Spiritual Death of our Lord on the cross. Spiritual Death is a technical term which speaks of three-hour period on the cross when God judged our sins in Christ. Retroactive Positional Truth breaks the power of the old sin nature and is the divorce of the new believer from his first husband.

Current Positional Truth

The believer is supernaturally taken by the Holy Spirit and immersed into the Resurrection of our Lord. This unites us with Christ and thus allows us to share His eternal life and guarantees us eternal security and a resurrection body. This constitutes the second marriage to the new husband, Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:6 - Be knowing this [put the following in long-term memory], that our old husband [the sinful nature and its wheel- tracks of wickedness] has been crucified together with Him in order that the human body [the brain] with reference to its sinful nature [DNA] might be rendered powerless for the purpose that we should no longer be slaves [doulouo] to sin [our first husband].

Romans 6:7 - For he who has died has in fact been divorced from the power of the sinful nature [the paths of least resistance have been neutralized].

Romans 6:8 - Now if we have died with Christ [Retroactive Posotional Truth] and we in fact have, we also believe [pisteuo] that we shall in fact live in association with Him [Current Positional Truth].

Romans 6:9 - Knowing from doctrine resident in the memory traces that because of the fact Christ has been resurrected from deaths, it is a perpetual fact that He can never die; it is a perpetual fact that death no longer exercises rulership authority over Him.

Romans 6:10 - For the death which He in fact has died, He died with the existing result that it was a once for all action with reference to the sinful nature; but the resurrection life which He in fact perpetually lives, He in fact continuously lives with reference to God.

Romans 6:11 - So also, on the one hand, all of you consider yourselves to be perpetually dead with reference to the sinful nature [divorce from the first husband] but, on the other hand, currently living with reference to God in Christ Jesus [marriage to the Second Husband].

Romans 6:12 - Therefore, stop permitting the sinful nature to rule in your mortal body [the brain] for the purpose that you should continue to place yourself under its authority with its lust pattern.

Romans 6:13 - And stop placing your members [the brain] as weapons [wheel-tracks] of wickedness continuously under orders to the sinful nature [adulterous submission to the first husband and his policies of sin], but place yourselves under orders to God as those who are eternally alive from deaths and place your members [the brain] under orders as weapons [wheel-tracks] of righteousness to God.

Dr. Richard Restak's rejects of the idea that the "mind" (or soul) and brain are separate entities in his 1984 book, **The Brain**, page 84:

We may have to revise the old idea that the brain follows the mind's commands ... that the mind is somehow separate from the brain and that the relationship of the two is similar to that of a commanding officer and his subordinates.

Dr. Restak and his neuroscientist friends are either unable or unwilling to entertain the idea that the human species is born dichotomous, i.e., soul life is imputed by God to biological life at physical birth creating human life. One of the major doctrines of the theology of evolution is that man has no soul—no invisible energizing force which can only be explained by the metaphysical.

Dr. George Johnson quotes fellow neurologist Dr. Patricia Churchland in his book, **In the Palaces of Memory, page 207**:

Ever since a high school biology teacher had tried to assure her that people are alive because they are animated by an inexplicable life-force, she had been suspicious of what she called “*spooky stuff*,” phenomena that supposedly fell outside the sphere of science.

However, back on page 95, Johnson himself makes the following observation:

Even in science much of what is taken as truth is rooted in gut instincts that finally must be accepted on faith.

Indeed! The scientific philosophy of “*no spooky stuff*” forced us to stop in our study of Romans 6 and take up the subject of the soul. We studied its mentality made up of two subdivisions, the *nous* and the *kardia*.

The *kardia* is itself subdivided into seven compartments through which all incoming knowledge is processed and sorted.

Here is a brief, one-sentence definition of each compartment: [Note: For a complete review order lessons CWL260 - CWL265.]

Frame of Reference: The soul’s index to stored data in the brain and serves as vectors for recall of stored data.

Memory Center: Takes recall from vectors and associates them with pertinent long-term memory traces stored in the brain.

Vocabulary: The soul’s dictionary for words, phrases, terms, and doctrines and stored in Wernicke’s area of the brain.

Categories: Classification of doctrines into one of eleven branches of systematic theology and include many wheel-tracks on a given subject forming a constellation in the brain.

- a. **Vector:** Bits of data which make up a memory trace.
- b. **Memory Trace:** All the vectors which make up an idea, principle, or concept.
- c. **Association:** Two memory traces interconnected by common vectors.
- d. **Constellation:** Several memory traces interconnected by common vectors and associations forming a category.
- e. **Neural Network:** All spiritual information stored in long-term memory constituting one's inventory of ideas.

The Conscience: The compartment which accumulates norms and standards which distinguish between right and wrong and then motivates the person to do what is right and refrain from doing what is wrong.

Momentum: The spiritual impetus realized from the facilitation of wheel-tracks of righteousness.

Wisdom: Maximum facilitation of interconnected doctrinal thought within the brain's neural network.

It is maximum facilitation of the stream of consciousness through the mentorship of the Holy Spirit which enables the believer to fulfill the imperative moods of Romans 6:12, Romans 6:13.