

Romans #100

“Thanks be to God who Delivers Me through Jesus Christ our Lord”

Part 2

Romans 7:18-20

John 13:1-3

After salvation, God has provided a system of truth to fortify the soul as a base of operations for the advancement to spiritual maturity.

This system provides a daily option from the free-will of the soul to place ourselves under the orders of God.

The option requires 2 things: recovery when necessary and positive free-will toward biblical truth.

Since learning the Word is the greatest thing we do in life, daily positive free-will toward God’s truth is the only way to follow the colors to the high ground of spiritual maturity.

Objectivity is the way of learning the problem and therefore finding the solution.

Understanding the problem must precede awareness of the solution and its proper application in solving the problem.

Spiritual death means more than no salvation relationship with God; it means ignorance of God’s plan and His grace policy.

The solution to the problem of Phase 2 resides in biblical truth resident in the soul through daily learning and applying the Word plus the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The divine energy of the filling of the Holy Spirit must replace human energy since the solution is located in the soul and not the body.

The spiritual food of biblical truth which sustains the soul must replace the physical food of life which sustains the body.

You can’t please God until you know how to please God, so Romans 7:18 states that sincerity is not a Christian virtue.

There is no glorification of Jesus Christ and no direct blessing from the justice of God apart from maturity adjustment to God and there is

no maturity adjustment to God apart from biblical truth resident in the soul.

The best intentions of the sincere believer are destroyed by ignorance.

Good intentions themselves are NOT the will of God.

Honorable accomplishment with the execution of God's will is negative until we use application of the Word to advance to spiritual maturity resulting in glorification of Jesus Christ and maximum blessing from the justice of God.

A little truth is like a lot of poison, it confuses us.

The 1st part of the solution is knowing the will of God

through learning biblical truth but once you know the will of God the next step is doing it.

Without the Filling of the Holy Spirit and constant application of biblical truth under the ministry of

a prepared pastor, the evil which the believer does not purpose to do, he keeps on practicing.

This dilemma reveals that there's a strong push-pull activity in every believer but not in the unbeliever because the life of the believer is a major battleground between the forces of evil led by the sin nature and the forces of God led by Biblical truth and the inner ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The free will of the believer's soul is subject to tremendous opposing pressures from 2 husbands: the ex-husband (sin nature) and the new husband (Jesus Christ) as represented by the Word of God and the marriage counsellor, the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Only through the filling of the Holy Spirit and understanding applicable truth can the believer be enabled to make decisions which are pleasing and honoring to God.

The conflict between the purpose to please Jesus Christ and the desire to fulfil the lusts of the sin nature while living in this world becomes a constant antagonistic pressure where the true purpose of the Christian life can be compromised by the trends of the sin nature.