

## Real with Self: God Redeemed Part II

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Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. **James 5:16 ESV**

### NEW LIFE AND NEW IDENTITY

We won't \_\_\_\_\_ differently if we don't realize we \_\_\_\_\_ different

Gospel Indicatives Come Before Imperatives, Doctrine Before Application

CHRISTIAN CREED: "Who does God say that I am?" – Basis for being real

The finished work of Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

We help one another live \_\_\_\_\_ of who we are

Implications for Accountability

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For a list of verses that detail our new life in Christ,

See Ken Boa's "Who Does God Say that I Am?"

<http://www.kenboa.org/downloads/pdf/IdentityAffirmations2.pdf>

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### OLD LIFE AND OLD IDENTITY

The \_\_\_\_\_ with sin – choosing sides puts you at war with sin

The battle is evidence of \_\_\_\_\_

EXTERNAL: \_\_\_\_\_ – our culture is not neutral

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **John 17:14 ESV**

What do you cherish?

What do you value?

Where is your war?

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV**

\_\_\_\_\_ – active, personal spiritual force

INTERNAL: The doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ sin

## Typical Responses to Our Sin

**“Fix” it** – I Can Clean Myself Up To Come Before God (Don’t Understand \_\_\_\_\_)

**Fret about it** – Beat Myself Up (Don’t Understand The \_\_\_\_\_)

**Fake it** – Pressure At Church (Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ The Gospel)

**Forget it** – Ignore Sin (Don’t Understand \_\_\_\_\_)

### *Is There A Contradiction Between 1 John 3:6 & 1:8?*

No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. **1 John 3:6 ESV**

- Sinning = haven’t seen Him or known Him

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **1 John 1:8 ESV**

- We still have \_\_\_\_\_

### **Contradiction? No – it describes our reality**

*A picture of indwelling sin:*

Sin has lost it’s \_\_\_\_\_

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **Romans 6:6 ESV**

Sin still can \_\_\_\_\_ on us

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. **Galatians 5:17 ESV**

Sin can still \_\_\_\_\_ against us

### **Paul’s Struggle with Indwelling Sin:**

<sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. **Romans 7:15-25 ESV**

## **Observations On Romans 7:15-25**

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**Paul wants to do good at his core: vs. 22**

**He finds himself doing what he doesn't want to do, what he hates: vs.15, 19**

**He doesn't do it, but sin does it - sin is separate from him: vs. 20**

**This "separate" sin seems like a part of him: vs. 18**

**This inability to do what is right because of sin is a law that he must live by: vs. 23**

**This causes him grief, and he cries out asking who can deliver him: vs. 24**

**The answer: Jesus! vs.25**

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### **PRACTICAL STEPS FOR BEING REAL WITH YOURSELF:**

\_\_\_\_\_ yourself

"Many men live in the dark to themselves all their days; whatever else they know, they know not themselves. They know their outward estates, how rich they are, and the condition of their bodies as to health and sickness they are careful to examine; but as to their inward man, and their principles as to God and eternity, they know little or nothing of themselves. Indeed, few labour to grow wise in this matter, few study themselves as they ought, are acquainted with the evils of their own hearts as they ought; on which yet the whole course of their obedience, and consequently of their eternal condition, doth depend." <sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ yourself

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. **2 Timothy 2:22 ESV**

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. **1 Corinthians 6:18 ESV**

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. **1 Corinthians 10:14 ESV**

Keep \_\_\_\_\_

Seek \_\_\_\_\_

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. **John 15:5-11 ESV**

\_\_\_\_\_ on sin

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **Colossians 3:5 ESV**

...to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV**

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **Colossians 3:9-14 ESV**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **Galatians 5:22-24 ESV**

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Romans 8:13 ESV**

Preach the gospel

## BE REAL WITH OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONFESSION

We confess our sins to one another and spur one another on towards holiness and mission

### **Holiness: we want to be like Jesus**

Get the gospel into each other's lives

### **Mission: we want to obey the commands of Jesus**

Get the gospel into the world

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<sup>1</sup> John Owen, "Indwelling Sin" in The Works of John Owen, Vol. 6 Carlisle: The Banner of Truth Trust, 2004, 162