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EDITORIAL

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You will find our text in Rom. 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." Our subject is "The Freed Life."

This chapter the 6th of Romans has been called by some, "the sin chapter" because it deals especially with the subject of sin. Not alone with sin as an act, that is he is not speaking of any one kind of sin that men commit; but he is describing sin as a principle: Our depraved or fallen nature, which he calls it in verse 6 of this chapter; our Old Man, and in chapter seven the apostle speaks of it as the sin, the flesh, the body of this death. In Romans 8 he calls it the sin, the carnal mind, the law of sin, and the body of sin.

You will notice that he always speaks of our fallen nature in the singular number, therefore it differs from our acts of sin, or actual transgressions which are many, and are spoken of in the plural, as sins and transgressions or violations of God's law.

Let us notice also that in this chapter as well as in the two chapters following, the apostle personifies this evil principle. He speaks of it as a living active thing, a bad person that rules over us when he can, and wants to use the members of our body, our eyes, ears, tongue, hands, feet, etc. as instruments of sin, see verses 12 and 13, where the apostle forbids us to yield our members to sin that evil person, neither let it reign he saith in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. For he says in verse 14, "Sin shall not have dominion over you."

Also in the 7th chapter he speaks of the same evil principle working in him in his unsaved life, making him do the things he ought not do, and making him leave undone the things he ought to do. Furthermore he says sin deceived me, and slew me. All the time he admits the law of God is just, holy and good, and he delights in it after the inward man. That is his better self and judgments approve of God's law and requirements; but he is not able to perform God's bidding because of that evil rebellious nature within which he says is not subject to the law of God neither indeed can be. He longs for deliverance from it, and cries out, "Oh wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death," or this dead body. See verse 24 of chapter 7. Now the following verse as well as the 8th chapter of Romans are the answer to that cry. Read them. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord, verse 25. Also,

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Let us notice that whereas sin is twofold in its nature that it exists as a principle, as we have been trying to show by the Word, and also as acts, the wrong things that men do, or the good things they leave undone, which are sins of omission. God also has a twofold method of dealing with sin to get rid of it, viz. he forgives our acts of sin or transgressions, and cleanses, or purifies our hearts from the principle of evil, or in other words crucifies and destroys our old man or the carnal mind. John writes if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Topbody, the hymn writer, sang, "Be for sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure." Now the words of our text express the results of a freed life.

Notice three things that follow: First we become servants to God. Now being made free from sin we become servants to God. No longer are we servants to sin, or our fallen nature doing the things we ought not and leaving undone the things we ought to do. Thank God for freedom from sin. Second we become fruitful. Ye have your fruit unto holiness. Holiness of heart or soul health, and a life of righteousness will be your greatest desire and love which is the fruit of the Spirit and also your privilege here day by day. Third your reward, the end everlasting life. Thank God being delivered from sin here and now, the future is provided for and guaranteed and we are rewarded by the gift from God which is life everlasting.

HARDENING THE HEART

G. E. Bula

The average man today does not think it is anything serious if he says no to God any number of times, or on any occasion. He may sit under a searching sermon and be moved to tears, but he thinks of some self-interest which a covenant with God would disturb; or he thinks of so many ways which are cheaper and yet appear right, that he says no; by and by nothing can move him. He is not affected by fear; persuasion of the most loving kind goes no deeper than the surface. Argument, be it ever so convincing, is turned aside as a thing of naught. All is useless. He has rejected the means God appointed to save him, and closed up every avenue by which his heart could be reached.

This is how Pharaoh hardened his heart, and you know how fatal was the consequence. He that being often reproved (by the Spirit) and yet hardens his heart, shall suddenly be cut off, and that without remedy.

MEANS OF GRACE

The prayer-meeting;
The class-meeting;
The retirement for secret prayer;
The faithful reading of God's Word;
The paying of the tithe, and the giving of free-will offerings for the work of the Kingdom;
The asking forgiveness for any wrong done or needless offense given;
The kind and faithful testimony against wrong, even where such a position is unpopular;
The giving of time and the working of a plan to bring some one else to the blessedness of this religion.

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

THE BOOZE BILL

Up to August 1, 1936, the first forty months since the re-legalizing of liquor—during the first eight months of which beer and wine alone were legal—a conservative estimate places America's drink bill at approximately \$8,050,328,170.29, which resolves itself into an average per capita cost of liquor to every man, woman and child in the United States of \$63.24 since the traffic came back under government protection. That means that out of the earnings of the American people the liquor traffic has taken an average of \$259.28 from every family in America.—W. C. T. U.

PRISON POPULATION INCREASING

With the Virginia government solidly behind a move to promote the wider use of beer and wines, using public money to prepare and circulate thousands of copies of a pamphlet on their behalf, state liquor dispensing centers sold the 2,400,000 citizens of the state 11,185,218 gallons of alcoholic beverages last year, and proudly advertised the fact that net profits amounted to \$3,521,386.21.

Meanwhile, official penal figures show the largest prison population in the history of Virginia: 74,599, a startling increase from the preceding years. The report indicates an increase of 59.3 per cent in arrests for drunkenness in Richmond, the capital city, a sixty-six per cent increase in Norfolk, a ninety-nine per cent increase in Lynchburg, a 139.7 per cent increase in Danville, a 126.2 per cent increase in Staunton, and a 330.2 per cent increase in Harrisonburg.

The record of the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court at Richmond reveals an increase of 260 cases in twelve months' time in the Children's Division, and 402 more cases in the Adult Division.—War Cry.

EVILS OF TOBACCO

The tobacco plant is the most poisonous plant in the vegetable kingdom.

Tobacco contains nicotine. A single drop of nicotine will kill a full-grown cat in a few moments.

Twenty thousand people die annually from tobacco poison.

Twenty-six thousand people die annually from pneumonia that would recover were that patient not addicted to the use of tobacco.

Tuberculosis is more than twice as prevalent among smokers as non-smokers.

Sixty per cent of babies that are born to cigarette-smoking mothers die before reaching the age of two years.

Two billion dollars is spent for tobacco each year. God will hold men and women responsible for such a waste of money on filthy spittle and smoke while millions go hungry and scantily clad.

Most tobacco-users have no respect for non-users, but force them to smell and breathe their nauseating stench.

Tobacco-users have no more right to poison God's pure air we breathe than others do to poison the water we drink.

Tobacco-using is a filthy habit: few users will dispute this. Uncleanliness is classed in the Bible as works of the flesh, and "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God". (Gal. 5:19-21).—R. L. Guest.