

This brings us to the first step in sanctification.

A. Step One in Sanctification :- is Recognizing and Acting Upon Our New Relationship to Innate Sin: That of Death.

This new relationship may be seen to be expressed in three phases or stages, and the first of these is that

1. We are completely dead to the mastery of innate sin

Let us look at Paul's teaching on this point in the following verses:

Romans 6:1-11

Romans 6: 14 "For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace"

Romans 6: 18a "You have been set free from sin....."

Romans 22a " But now that you have been set free from sin....."

Romans 8:2 "because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death"

Sin is no longer our master! We are no longer its slaves!

The second phases of our new relationship to innate sin is that

2. We are to be progressively dying to the remaining power of innate sin

Let us note the following verses:

Romans 6: 12-13a "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness"

Romans 6: 15-16 " What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness"?