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WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE (part 1)

In [last week's study](#) of (Rom.6:1-4), we studied Paul's four rhetorical questions related to Law verses Grace (Rom.5:12-21).

The fourth rhetorical question dealt with the Baptism of The Holy Spirit (BHS) (Rom.6:3-4). It had introduced three doctrines of Position Truth based on the BHS that resolved the issue between Law and Grace regarding Adam's Original Sin (AOS): Retroactive Positional Truth (**RAPT**), Current Positional Truth (**CPT**) and Experiential Positional Truth (**EPT**).

Paul used three Greek grammatical markers to identify these three doctrines in (**Rom.6:4**) "**Therefore** (oun/ inferential conjunction.) we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that **as** (hosper/ comparative conjunction.) Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so** (houtos/ demonstrative adverb) we too might walk in newness of life."

- Oun (therefore) is used to teach RAPT.
- Hosper (as) is used to teach CPT.
- Houtos (so) is used to teach EPT.

<p style="text-align: center;">This lesson will study four aspects of the doctrine of Experiential Position Truth (EPT) of the BHS referred to as "Walking in Newness of Life".</p>
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1. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (BHS) identifies every Church Age Believer (CAB) with three important New Covenant (NC) Doctrines of the Positional Truth of Grace Salvation.

Positional truth is a theological term describing the transferring of an unbeliever from his legal position in Adam to his legal position in Christ by grace through faith in the gospel of salvation by the BHS.

(2 Cor.5:17) "Therefore if anyone is **in Christ** (positional truth), he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (Acts 26:18; Col.1:13-14)

(1Cor.15:22) "For in Adam all die, so also **in Christ** all will be made alive." (Rom.5:12, 18, 21)

The Doctrine of RAPT identifies the CAB with the benefits of the spiritual death of Jesus Christ.

(Gal.2:20) "Crucified with Christ" and baptized into His death." [The 13 charges of Adam's Original Sin](#) are removed forever. (Rom.6:1-4). [Plus 9 communion factors of the blood of Christ](#) (1 John 1:7-9; 1 Cor.11:25-26).

Doctrine of CPT identifies the CAB with the benefits of burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. This includes [the 20 status-privileges in the package of grace salvation](#) (50 Things).

(Eph.2:6) "And **raised us up with Him**, and **seated us** with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (Eph.1:3, 20-23; Col.2:12-13) (Gal.3:27) IN Christ)

Doctrine of EPT identifies the CAB on earth with personal occupation with Jesus Christ, seated in session in Heaven by means of the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This is involves [the 8 works of the Holy Spirit](#) (Rom.8:9-11) (1 Cor.12:13) In Church body.

2. EPT emphasizes the Indwelling ministry of Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20).

It emphasizes the replacement of legal monarch or master over the old sin-nature by the indwelling Holy Spirit in the life of the CAB.

Who reigns in the life of a CWL is based on volition (free will):

(Rom.6:12) “Therefore **do not let sin (OSN) reign** (me basileuo) [stop!] (p.a.impv.3ps) in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts (tais epithumia).”(Rom. 6:12-18).

(Rom.6:14) “For sin (OSN) shall **not be master** over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”
(Rom.6:25)

(Rom.8:11) “But if **the Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**” (John 14:16)

3. Walking in newness of life is based on walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:2-3; Rom.8:9; Jude 19).

(Gal.5:16-17) “But I say walk by the Spirit, (IHS) and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh (OSN). For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for **these are in opposition** to one another, so that you may not do the things you please.” (Mutually exclusive, either one or the other.)

God intends for the Indwelling Holy Spirit to reign in the CAB’s mortal body over their OSN (Rom.6:12-18; 1 Cor.6:18-7:2), over the devil (1 John 4:4) and over evil (2 Thess.2:6-10).

(1 John 1:8-9) “If **we say that we have no sin (OSN)**, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

4. The fact that the CAB is freed from the legal position and authority of their OSN, as master over their life, does not mean that the CAB can personally sin with Divine Discipline being administered by a Loving Father. (Heb.12:5-11).

The CAB is volitionally a free agent because of grace salvation. He is free to choose his slave-master relationship in life but not without being discipline by God, the Father (1 Cor.11:30-32).

The CAB is free to chose to be **carnal (walk by flesh)** or to be **spiritual (walking by Holy Spirit)** (1 Cor.3:1-3; **Gal.5:16-17**; James 1:13-14; 1 John 1:9).

Carnality is a sign of spiritual immaturity (1 Cor.3:1-3; 13:11).

Walking (peripateo/ aorist active voice subj.1pl) **in newness** (kainotes) **of life** (Zoe) **is volitional.**

Jesus said: “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly (perissos/ superfluous/ **exceeding sufficiency**).” (John 10:10)