

## **The Holy Spirit's Filling Ministry**

Romans 6:1-13

### **I. Review:**

Romans 6:1-13 is a "paragraph" which describes the sin nature as potentially dominating the Christian.

1. At salvation each Christian was counted by the Father to be immersed into Christ Jesus' process of death, co-buried, and like Christ raised by the Father (Rom. 6:3-4).
2. "Likewise reckon . . . yourselves . . ." means like the Father, we are to count ourselves that which does not exist as though it does exist (Rom. 4:17).
3. To count yourself in Christ in the present is based on faith in your future resurrection; the converse is true.
4. The count yourself dead to the sin nature requires the enabling of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:13).
5. Living in the present spiritually is based on a future with Him (vv. 4, 5, 8, 11, 13).

### **II. When "I" the person count myself dead to the sin nature:**

1. I separate myself from the lusts coming from the sin nature (Rom. 6:11).
2. This necessitates that I recognize the two types of lusts (Gal. 5:17).
3. With the enabling of the Holy Spirit I will have my bodily appetites under control (Rom. 6:6, 12-13; 8:13):
  - 1) The sin nature attacks the soul (1 Pet. 2:13).
  - 2) The soul animates the body, has survival instinct, interprets the five senses, and is the emotional center.
  - 3) Both the soul and the sin nature function within our body that is:
    - i. Subject to death;
    - ii. Stimulated by sensory perceptions;
    - iii. Can be emotionally driven.
- 4) However, if I "see" the future by faith (Rom. 6:5, 8):
  - i. I have no fear of death (1 Cor. 15:53-58; Rev. 1:18);
  - ii. I have my body under control (Rom. 12:1; 6:12-13);

### **III. When I am in the state of death to the sin nature:**

1. Then I yield myself to the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:13);
2. And the Holy Spirit animates righteousness (Rom. 8:13, 9-10);
3. I am alive to the Father (Rom. 6:11) by presenting my bodily functions to the Father (Rom. 6:13).