

Principles of Spiritual Growth:

A diagram illustrating the stages of a plant's growth. It shows a seed on the left, a small seedling with two leaves in the middle, and a larger, more developed plant with multiple leaves and a visible root system on the right. The background is white with faint, light-colored lines representing soil and roots.

The Principle of Appropriation

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Text: Romans 6:8-15

Applying the Bible to Everyday Life

Romans 6:8-15

- ⌘ **Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**
- ⌘ **Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**

Three aspects of...



⌘ ...our
salvation

Justification...



We have been saved
from the *penalty* of
sin
(*Romans 8:1*)

Sanctification...



We are being saved
from the *power* of sin
(Romans 6:11-14)

Glorification...



*We will be saved from
the **presence** of sin
(1 John 3:2-3)*

Three pillars that...



⌘ ...support the
**Principle of
Appropriation**

Three Pillars



⌘... *Knowing*

⌘... *Reckoning*

⌘... *Yielding*

The principle of

Appropriation...

...is based on

***knowing* the facts**

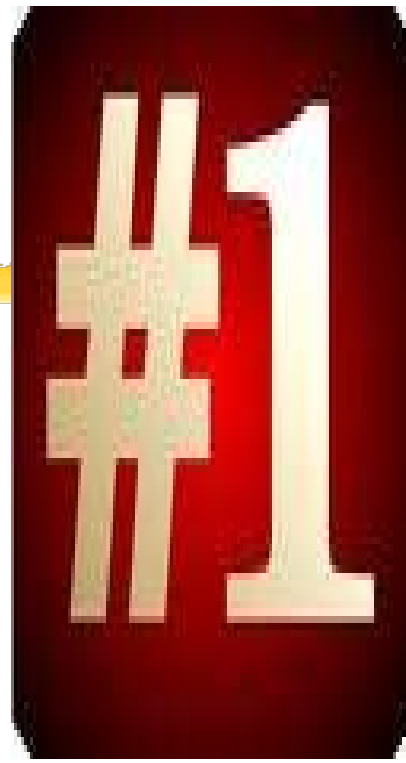
about salvation

(6:1-10)

Romans 6:1-5

⌘ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not **know** that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,

Fact



⌘ We are dead to
sin

Dead to sin...



⌘ *...means that the believer has **died** to the old life and cannot **deliberately** choose to live in sin. We were **united** with Christ in His death*

Romans 6:6-10

⌘ **knowing** this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, **knowing** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Fact #



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 **We are no longer
slaves to sin**

Sin has an ally...



✂ *...in our fallen nature
but it no longer has
dominion over us
because we are in Christ.
We are free from slavery
to sin.*

The principle of

Appropriation...

...is based on

***reckoning* these**

facts to be true

(6:11)

Romans 6:11



✚ Even so consider
(**reckon**) yourselves to
be dead to sin, but
alive to God in Christ
Jesus.

Reckoning is an...



⌘ *...act of faith that results in action. It is like endorsing a check and taking it to the bank and cashing it.*

It is true that ...



⌘ *...we are dead to sin and alive to God, but it is a **positional** reality. It is our challenge for us to make it a **practical** reality.*

The principle of

Appropriation...

...is based on
***yielding* our lives to**
the will of Christ.

(6:12-15)

Romans 6:12-14



⌘ Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Yielding is an...



⌘ *...act of the will based on our knowledge of what Christ has done on our behalf. It is an intelligent act and not an impulsive act.*

We can choose...



✚ *...to yield our bodies to the desires of the flesh or we can choose to yield our bodies to the control of the Spirit.*

Two key...



⌘ *...biblical passages
shed light on this
subject.*

Romans 12:1-3



⌘ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to ***present your bodies*** a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but ***be transformed*** by the ***renewing of your mind***, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

You have to...



⌘ *...change your thinking. You need to stop asking what you want to do with your life, but rather what does God want to do through you. Remember, He wants to do a work in you before He can do a work through you.*

Galatians 5:13-16

⌘ For you were called to *freedom*, brethren; only do not *turn* your freedom into an *opportunity for the flesh*, but through love *serve one another*. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, *walk by the Spirit*, and you *will not* carry out the *desire of the flesh*.

If we focus on...



⌘ *...what's best for **others** rather than what's good for us, we will be lest tempted to become **self-absorbed.***