

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Romans 6:16 No2 KJV

Yielding is conscious decision. We are made in God's image, three yet one; body, soul, and spirit; each of us uniquely one and different from every other one. Death is the absence of life. Adam became a living soul only after God breathed his own Life into him. Sin caused God, who is Life, to withdraw, and Adam's living spirit died, or was separated from the Life that had been present. *God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth.* Adam's spirit did not cease to exist or function, but was simply no longer in union with God. A dead spirit cannot communicate with a living Spirit any more than a dead body can speak to the living. All Adam descendants were born with dead spirits, separated from God by virtue of their inherited sinful flesh. We are a soul with a body and a spirit. Our body is only part of who we really are as believers. Our re-born spirit is the *new creature* spoken of in Paul's epistle. The believer's body and all others are *carnal, sold under sin.* We are faced with the choice of obeying God or the body with every decision we make. Right choices are those that align with God's Word. The soul has to choose between two diametrically opposed directions. After salvation, it is almost reflex to follow the whims of the body, because until we are *born again* it is all we have known and experienced. As we learn the *mind of Christ* through reading and meditation, the Holy Spirit *guides us into all Truth* as we absorb it into our thought processes. Ever have that moment when you know the right choice, but it isn't what you want to do? That is exactly the point when you choose your master; *sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness!* We are presented with alternatives to the way that *seemeth right unto a man (human reason/desire)* by the Truth of God's Word we have *hidden in our hearts (memorized).* As we grow in grace, we learn, obeying Truth leads to fellowship or like-mindedness with God and we begin to *hear* His whispers as we learn to distinguish between Truth and lie. Our body will never comprehend the spiritual realm. *Natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are spiritually discerned.* One day, all believer's bodies will be transformed instantly to never again conflict with the Spirit of Truth. *We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when [Christ] shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.* Until then, we will sin and if we do, we simply agree with God that we did so by confessing and forsaking it, thus restoring like-mindedness or fellowship of walking in the Light.



There is a way that seemeth right,
To blind men who, devoid of sight,
Pursue the lusts of sinful night,
And cannot see the Blessed Light. ~CGP

Repentance is not crying tears, repentance is believing God and choosing Truth over lie. When we obey/yield to the Spirit of Truth, we walk in Light or faith. When we obey/yield to fleshly desires, we walk in sin. As soon as we realize that we are sinning, we need to stop, confess, and return to obedience. Let the *mind of Christ,* God's Word, dwell in us. Until one is born again, it is impossible NOT to follow the flesh. Hearing God's Word enables the gift of faith. If rejected, blindness returns. Faith enables spiritual sight and provides a *way of escape* from the *ways of death.* Confession cleanses sin in the same way Light cleanses darkness.

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 KJV