Scripture Reading:

Romans 6: 1-23

Our Weapons of Practical Righteousness

INTRODUCTION

- ♦ Fighter jets, bombers, tanks, field artillery, drones, automatic small arms, etc.
 - These weapons are designed to bring people into subjection, and even domination, by an opposing power

- ♦ God has provided the NT grace-believer with weapons for a totally different kind of warfare:
 - **♦Not a warfare that destroys**
 - **♦But a warfare that produces GOD"S RIGHTEOUS ACTIVITIES**

REVIEW OF OUR RIGHTEOUS POSITION LIVED OUT IN RIGHTEOUS PRACTICE

♦ Illustrated by Abraham's imputed righteousness (in Gen 15), lived out in practice (in Gen 22) - James 2:20-23

♦ The practice of righteousness instructed from Scripture - II Tim 3:16

♦ The practice of righteousness maintained by God - Heb 12:6,11

♦ The practice of righteousness motivated by Christ's appearing -II Tim 4:8

♦ Practical righteousness displayed at our glorification by crowns - Rev 4: 10-11

ENCOURAGING INSTRUCTION FOR (POTENTIALLY) PUTTING OUR POSITIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS INTO PRACTICE (Romans 6:1-11)

♦ SHOULD we feel at ease in the sin nature? No! - vs 1-2

♦ We SHOULD walk in the newness of life! - vs 3-4

- ♦ We SHALL BE in the likeness of His resurrection hopefully <u>now</u>, certainly later vs 5
- ♦ The body concerning the sin nature MIGHT BE rendered ineffective (KJV= "destroyed") vs 6

ENCOURAGING INSTRUCTION FOR (POTENTIALLY) PUTTING OUR POSITIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS INTO PRACTICE (Romans 6:1-11) - continued

♦ We believe that we SHALL LIVE with Him (NOW!) – vs 8

- ♦NOW, activate your positional righteousness vs 11
 - ⋄ "Dead (on the one hand) unto the sin nature"
 - ♦ "Alive (on the other hand) unto God, in Christ Jesus our Lord"

YIELD IN PRACTICE TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (Romans 6:12-13, 19

- ♦ Yield yourself to God as ones that are alive out from among dead ones
- ♦ Then, yield your bodily members as weapons of righteousness
 - **♦ Your mind: set on things above Col 3:1-3**
 - **♦ Your hands Eph 4:28, I Thess 4:11**
 - **♦ Your feet Rom 10:15, Eph 6:15**
 - **♦ Your eyes Phil 2:4, 3:20**
 - **♦ Your mouth James 1:26; cf 3:8-10**
 - **♦ Your whole body I Cor 6:19-20**

CONCLUSION

To practice our positional righteousness in Christ, we need to (keep) yielding ourselves unto God and the way HE sees us as resurrected in His Son

Then we need to (keep) yielding our bodily members as weapons that perform God's pre-planned works of His designed righteousness.

"The flame shall not hurt thee;

I only design

Thy dross to consume

And thy gold to refine."