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# Living Without The Guilt



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9)***. I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,  
Pastor John

## RESOURCES USED

- \* The Companion Bible
- \* Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- \* Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- \* A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- \* Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- \* The American College Dictionary
- \* World's Bible Handbook
- \* The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- \* Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- \* The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- \* God's Plan For Man
- \* Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- \* Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- \* Manners And Customs From the Bible
- \* What The Bible Is All About
- \* Halley's Bible Handbook

*These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!*

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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## OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

*Hosea 4:6*

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

*Proverbs 23:7*

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

*Colossians 1:9*

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

*Proverbs 24:3-5*

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

*Mark 13:10*

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,  
*John and Karen Pelizzari*

## LIVING WITHOUT THE GUILT

**Romans 5:15-16 [15] But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. [16] And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.**

1. I want to draw your attention to the word “gift” in these two verses. We see three things about this “gift.”
  - #1. ***It is a free gift*** - you can’t buy it, earn it, or qualify for it.
  - #2. ***It is a gift given by grace.***
  - #3. ***It is a gift that absolves us of your offences*** - meaning God doesn’t hold the wrong that you committed against you.
2. So what is this gift?

**Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace**

and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

**makes, sovereign life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this g r a n d setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?**

3. The gift of righteousness.
  - a. Sadly, the NLT missed it in the translation part, they call it the gift of forgiveness.
  - b. Forgiveness precedes righteousness...His forgiving you makes you righteous.

**Romans 5:15-17 (MSG) [15] Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! [16] There's no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. [17] If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life**

4. The Message Bible calls it a:
  - a. *Rescuing gift.*
  - b. *A life giving gift.*
  - c. *Wildly extravagant life gift.*
5. Notice that the purpose of this gift is so that you will "reign in life."
  - a. Are you reigning in life?
  - b. If you're not, why not?
  - c. And, what does it mean to *reign in life*?
6. A person who reigns is one who is in control and has the power to do whatever has to be done.

**Romans 5:18-21 (MSG) [18] Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it**

right and got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! [19] One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right. [20] All that passing laws against sin did was produce more lawbreakers. But sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When it's sin versus grace, grace wins hands down. 21 All sin can do is threaten us with death, and that's the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into life—a life that goes on and on and on, world without end.

7. God's grace is "*aggressive forgiveness*."

8. Every where that the word "gift" is used, it means "*the gift of righteousness*."

**Righteousness** - Gk - *dikaionune* - justification, a legal term which means "acquittal."

a. Not guilty of any charges.

9. So any time you read *righteousness*, it simply means "*cleared of all guilt*."

10. Now put that definition into verse 17, it says, "**...they which receive abundance of grace and the gift of the clearance of all their guilt shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ.**"

10. If you're going to reign in life, you've got to know that you've been cleared of all guilt.

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**Receive** - Gk - *labano* - means to take.

11. The average church person wants to just sit around and get zapped by God so they can "feeeel" something.

a. And if they don't get zapped and "feeeel" something, they think something's wrong with the church.

- b. I didn't get zapped, obviously I am not healed.
12. So instead of getting up and acting as if we were healed, we wait for the zapping of the Holy Ghost, when we finally feel it, we know we are healed.
    - a. When I feel the money in my hands, then I'll know I am prosperous.
    - b. When I feel the Holy Ghost, then I might flow in the supernatural.
  13. The word "*receive*" is in the active voice, which means it's something YOU DO!
    - a. It should have been translated as "*accept*" or "*to take hold of.*"
  14. Not only is it active, but it's in the Greek present tense. That means you are continuously doing something in the present time.
  15. So what it actually says is...not only must you accept the free gift, but you have to keep on accepting it over and over again this free gift of having been cleared of all your guilt.
  16. Why did he put that in the present tense? Why does that have to be a continuous action?
    - a. Because somewhere down the road you may want to sin and at that point, if you don't keep on accepting or taking the free gift of the

- clearance of all your guilt, a guilt trip is going to set in on you.
- b. When that guilt trip sets in, your power stops.
  - c. Now you are not in control. And when you are not in control. you cannot reign in life.
17. This is a gift from God to you, God is not going to zap you with it so you can feel it.
    - a. He's said, "Take it, it's a free gift. It is a clearance of all guilt."
    - b. He laid it out, you must accept that, then you've got it.
    - c. If you do not accept it, you don't have it.
  18. A requirement to reigning in life without the guilt is receiving, or taking, or catching hold of this free gift which is the clearance of guilt.
    - a. Most church folks get hung up right here.
    - b. They think that because they stumble and fall all is lost, and the guilt trip sets in.
    - c. So now they want to go somewhere else where they can get a new feeling that will make them feel right with God.

- d. People that are always hopping from church to church hunting for a new feeling are about the most shallow of God's little kids.
- e. We don't go by feelings, we go by the truth of what the Word of God says.

19. If you do not keep on accepting this free gift of righteousness or the free gift of the clearance of all your guilt, satan's going to keep you grid-locked on a guilt trip.
- a. The minute you get on that guilt trip your power is terminated.

**1 John 1:7**                    **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.**

20. This is directed to believers. That verse shows us two things for our study:
- #1. Believers have a need for the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sins the same as does a lost person.
  - #2. "***Cleanseth from all sin***" is again in the Greek present tense, which means that it's a continuous action.

- a. In other words, the blood of Jesus not only cleansed me - past tense - from my sins, but it keeps on cleansing me - present tense - from my sins.
- b. You better master this or you never have any power to reign in life...back to...

**Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**

21. How much grace do we have?
- a. Notice we have an abundance of grace and the abundance of the free gift.
  - b. Abundance means more than enough, we won't run out because we have an ample supply.
22. Meaning that God has cleared us of all our guilt "***more than enough.***"
- a. I am by no means a goody-two-shoes, I make more mistakes than all of you put together.
  - b. But I'm still not going to get on the devil's guilt trip.
  - c. Because I know and have accepted the free gift of the clearance of all my guilt.

23. This is the number one priority for power in your life. There will never be power until and unless you cross this bridge and settle it.
- a. I am cleared of all my guilt, and the blood of Jesus keeps me cleared of all my guilt.
  - b. That is what the Bible concept of righteousness is all about...I am as righteous because I have no guilt in His eyes.

**Acts 19:2     He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.**

24. The second prerequisite for reigning in life without the guilt trip; you have to receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost.
25. This verse implies that it is possible to be a believer and still not receive the Holy Ghost.
- a. If not, why would Paul even ask such a question?
26. So, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?
27. When you get saved, the Holy Ghost comes into your heart and begins living inside you at that point.

- a. But the Holy Ghost does not necessarily have control of your life at that point.
  - b. It's as if I went to your house and stood in the foyer. I'm there, but I have been invited to come completely in.
28. The average church person again, thinks that receiving the Baptism in the Holy Ghost is passive.
- a. They're waiting for God to reach down and slap them in the mouth with the Holy Ghost, knock them sideways, and shake like a man possessed.
29. To most people, the Holy Ghost is not a person. He's a Holy It, a thing, a force, a concept.
30. What do you do with Him? You talk to Him.
31. A believer who has never accepted the Holy Ghost as the third person of the Godhead will never walk in the power that causes you to reign in life.
32. When you accept Him here's what happens.
- a. First, He begins to spring up in you like a fountain of living water; for He's already IN you, but now He FILLS you.
  - b. Second, He comes upon you, He will come down on you, and He will bubble up from within.

- c. Third, he issues evidence to you that He has moved in by you speaking in tongues.
  - d. He is not a feeling.
33. I have a choice every time I teach. "*Lord, do I spoon feed this bunch and keep them as a bunch of spiritual infants, or do I rattle their cage a little bit and put some backbone in these people so they can stand up and be somebody for God?*"
34. I have had other church members and even Pastor Karen tell me that some of you were heavily involved and mightily used by God in your old churches...I tell them all the time, "I just don't see it."
- a. Why? They no longer "feeeel" like it.
35. I learned a long time ago that if you're going to be in the ministry and do something for God, the first thing you've got to do is quit worrying about what somebody thinks about you.
- a. You better choose to please God and not man, His will, not your plan.
36. There comes a time in your life when you have to go by what God said.
- a. Most church folks always want to feel something and if they doesn't feel something then they assume God didn't do anything.

- b. That's why most believers do not know how to flow in the Holy Ghost. They wait for a feeling from God or they have to feel just right.
  - c. If I don't feel ANYTHING I could care less, because I'm acting in obedience not feeling.
37. Do you want to reign in life?
- a. Number one, you've got to settle that business of what righteousness is, the clearance of all guilt.
  - b. Every time the devil throws a guilt trip your way, throw that word "receive" right back in his face.
  - c. Second, receive the Holy Ghost.
38. The third thing you've got to have...is power.
- a. You can choose to be powerful or you can choose to feel good.
  - b. The two are not synonyms.
39. When you begin walking with God, a lot of the time you're not going to feel anything.
- a. ***The absence of feeling requires the presence of obedience.***
  - b. What does the Word say I must do?

- c. So, where do we get this power that we need to reign in life without the guilt?

**Acts 1:8**            **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

- 40. Now, put the word “*accept*” in place of “*receive*” and you've got it.
  - a. You've got to accept power from the Holy Ghost.
- 41. So if you have accepted the Holy Ghost at the baptism in the Spirit; then you must accept the power that comes along with Him.
  - a. You don't have to get power - you already have it.
  - b. You don't have to ask God for anything that you already have.
  - c. That's why I can so easily flow with the Holy Ghost, in and out, back and forth.
- 42. Nowhere in the Word of God does it talk about what you're supposed to feel like.

- a. The average charismatic has overcome this first hurdle, feeling something at salvation.
- b. But they haven't been able to overcome the second.
- c. They want to feel power operating in their life.

43. Do you want to reign in life without the guilt?

- a. Then you must accept the free gift of the clearance of all your guilt.
- b. You must receive the person of the Holy Ghost.
- c. And you must receive the power that Jesus said the Holy Ghost has for you.

**Acts 3:6**            **Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.**

44. Peter used what he had, Holy Ghost power.

- a. This is the same power that is available to you now.

45. You were born to conquer, but are you walking in victory?

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