

Roman's bill-13

- I know we've talked about this previously, but I'd like to explore this further. "
- The word 'reckon' means to establish by counting or calculation."
- It means, "to conclude after calculation."
- It means, to believe, to think, to be of the opinion/view, to be convinced, to dare say, to imagine, to guess, to suppose, to consider, to figure ...

Paul is saying that if Jesus indeed died to sin and resurrected, & you were baptized into his death, you were crucified with him & buried with him, & raised with him ...

- Then BELIEVE IT! Rest Assured in it!!

- "Establish by counting!" COUNT ON IT!!

- When you start getting those feelings that say

- "I don't feel saved ...

- I don't feel ~~very~~ very different ...

- I don't see the difference from saved/lost ...

You say, "No! That's the devil talking in your ear!"

My hope is not in my feelings,

My hope is not in my circumstances

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus
blood & righteousness ...

"No, I am saved..."

I am a new creature. I was born again!!

- I met the Lord Jesus Christ and I'll never be the same again...

- I am not & never will be man I used to be..."

Paul is saying Do some reckoning!!!

- Now, I believe alot of this is done in the head...

- It's all in your head...

- I believe, sometimes, there's a preoccupation with trying to get it out of heads & trying to put it in our hearts...

Now I'll be the 1st to tell you, that I believe in a heart-felt salvation... That God is spirit...

and Christianity is spiritual... I believe that with ^{the} heart man believeth unto salvation...

- But you can get out of balance & have it all heart & leave out the head...

- People mess heaven by 12" - I understand that...

- (But being biblical sometimes means... stepping unto taboo ground...)

- Now a day, everybody is afraid of Joel Osteen & his life coaching... his positive family preaching & things like that... I'm not gonna bash the guy because I've never heard him preach...

- I remember years ago. One customer was saying... Lester DeLoach.
- Have you ever listened to him preach? 15 minutes.
- Well We... You know that's what I thought.
- So I don't know much of Joel Olsteen, but obviously he's very successful. Why? (Truth)
- Positive thinking + words of encouragement can go a long way.
- And when I see the words, "Reckon ye yourselves"
- That sounds alot to me like positive thinking.
- Positive Paul the Apostle.
- Of course, the heeys that Reckonins w/o Regen. ~~Rightness~~ is wrong.
- Reckon w/ ~~Rightness~~ ^(Regen.) is right.
- Let me clarify... There's nothing wrong with Reckonng whether your lost/saved... because Reckonng will get you where you need to be.
- Do some reckonng w/ God when your lost and you'll find out ~~just short you are~~ how short you fall of the Glory of God.
- God told Belshazzar: They are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting.
- Paul say reckon ye yourselves ^{ALSP} to be dead indeed into sin, but alive into God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- The Key Word is ALSO
- God has reckoned you dead to sin & Alive through Christ. You do not trust ALSO
- God says you're saved, then you say you're saved!!
- Now if God hasn't done that, then you can't "A&O" anything
- Don't put \$100,000 in your books, if the bank doesn't have it their books
- Reckoning w/o Regeneration is wrong

- But once you get in. If you've been gloriously SAVED! You can reckon all you want!!!

- And reckoning is in the head

- If you get the facts straight in the head, it'll affect your heart & your way of life

- Paul said, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye TRANSFORMED by what? The Renewing of the MIND!!!"

- What a powerful word that is: TRANSFORMED.

- That means CHANGED!!!! And here it is;

Here we see the heart of Paul. Paul was never satisfied with who he was. "Brethren,

I can't rest myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting (in mind) those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize

of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus...

- He always wanted to be moving forward spiritually
- He wanted to better himself spiritually
- Sounds alot like self-improvement huh?
- I know we hear alot of preaching & songs that say or tell us to take our hands off and let God do it.
- Well I'll tell you today the message is "Clean up your own mess!"
- Get off your rear-end & take responsibility for yourselves.
- Let me put this in perspective. Let me look at this physically instead of spiritually or mentally.
- How many of us would like to be TRANSFORMED Physically??
- HEB 95% overweight.
- Why? EAT THE WRONG THINGS & EAT TOO MUCH OF IT. NO EXERCISE.
- Why doesn't it change? Once you OVERWEIGHT IN AMERICA ALWAYS OVERWEIGHT IN AMERICA - Why?
- Because we lack the will & resolve to do something about it. We're weak! We don't have the drive, or the strength, to make a difference - to make a transformation. Where there's a will, there's a way. The will is weak.

- Do you think that things are any different spiritually or mentally?
 - How complacent have we become concerning our ~~spirit~~ mind & spirit...?
 - ~~to~~ don't eat
 - ~~to~~ do eat
 - exercise
- } if you eat good most of the time
you'll be able to handle it...

Physically → no lean, healthy person that doesn't try or make a conscience effort to be so.

- Do you make a conscience effort to grow spiritually to "TRANSFORM" or to speak...
- Be ye not conformed...
by how? The Renewing of the Mind...

- If you want to change who you are, Change what you think!!
- Bro Buller: Believe → Behavior
Principles → Practice

(true, honest, just,
pure, lovely, gr, virtues, praise)

♡ (H.S + M)