***Victory Over Sin***

The bride must cry for a total deliverance from sin, its sway, and seduction; to be ready for the onslaught of darkness.

**Three Practical Principles (Romans 6:11-13)**

Romans 6 tells us how to access, or experience, the power, favor, and blessings of God, which are freely available to us because of what Jesus did on the cross. Transformation in our life begins by knowing who we are in Christ—seeing ourselves in the way God sees us in Christ. God requires us to cooperate with His grace. He will not do our part, and we cannot do His part.

*Principle #1–Knowing Principle (Romans 6:11):*   
We must know who we are in Christ and what we have received in Him. We reckon, or see, ourselves as alive to God—alive to the realm of God— which includes seeing that we are fully accepted and enjoyed by God, empowered to use Jesus’ authority, and indwelt by the Spirit.

The Spirit’s peace resides in our spirit from the very day that we are born again (Gal. 5:22). We access His peace by acknowledging it and thanking Him for it. The simple act of thanking the Spirit for His peace in our spirit releases it to our soul (emotions).

“Reckon [see] yourselves to be... alive to God in Christ.”   
Romans 6:11

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness...”  
Galatians 5:22

*Principle #2–Resisting Principle (Rom. 6:12-13a):*We resist sin, Satan, and sin-provoking circumstances. We resist the inward prompting of sin and the schemes of Satan. Paul emphasized self-denial.

God chose the denial of our lustful desires as one arena in which we express our love to Him (John 14:15, 21-23). We refuse circumstances that inflame sinful desires. Therefore, we do not go to places, buy items, or look at or talk about that which stirs up sinful passions.

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin...”   
Romans 6:12-13a

*Principle #3–Pursuing Principle (Rom. 6:13b):*We serve and relate to God and people in love. We present ourselves to God, and our bodies as His instruments, that He may use us to bless others.

Our first call is to love God with all our heart as worshipers of Jesus—we are to cultivate His presence in our life (intimacy with God). Then we express God’s love to people by offering our bodies as vessels for the Spirit to use to bless them.

“But present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”   
Romans 6:13b

*Summary:*   
We must know truth, resist darkness, and pursue God and people.

We love God and people as we resist sin, Satan, and sin-provoking circumstances, and grow in the knowledge of who we are in Christ and experience God’s heart as a Father and Bridegroom.

1. None of these principles can be omitted. Some pursue God at prayer meetings without knowing who they are in Christ or resisting sin; some know the truth about who they are in Christ and even resist sin, but without pursuing God and loving people; etc.
2. If we embrace all three of these principles in the context of the two foundational truths of being preoccupied with the superior pleasures of God and seeking 100 % obedience, then the Holy Spirit will dynamically work in and through our life.

Meditate on this today for the purpose of really getting free from sin and all its tendencies. We prepare for our final destiny as a bride ready for HIS return! Maranatha!