

My Holy Presentation

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- **1 Thessalonians 5:23**
 - Wholeness!
- **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**
 - Inner & Outer man
 - How does the "inner man" get released?
- **Esther**
 - Mordecai (Holy Spirit)
 - Esther (Our Spirit)
 - Haman (the Flesh)

Brokenness

The result of brokenness? His Aroma Through me
2 Corinthians 2:14 (Romans 8:28)

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Review:

1. **Romans 6:6,9 – Knowing**
 - In my heart, not just in my head
2. **Romans 6:11 – Consider (Reckon)**
 - Counting the fact that I was crucified with Christ.
 - Counting the fact that Christ is living His life through me.
3. **Romans 14:23 – Faith or Sin**
 - Whatever is not of faith is sin.
 - *faith* – looking away unto the finished work of Jesus – always stands of the Truth of what Christ did.
 - *sin* – looking unto my strength, efforts, cleverness – anything coming from me (**2 Corinthians 3:5**)
 - sins – actions (the blood)
 - sin – principle (the cross)

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1. **Romans 6:12,13 – Present yourselves to God!**
 - PARISTEMI (παριστημι) – used five times in this section
 - Present, offer, ~~yield~~.
 - to place at one's disposal, to present, to offer as a sacrifice
 - What does it mean to *present* ourselves to God?
 - To give myself wholly to God – Lord, I'm fully yours!
 - What are we to *present* to God?
 - Ourselves, but what part of ourselves?
 - Not the "old man" or the fleshly man (the Haman-Xerxes man) with his instincts and resources, his natural wisdom, strengths.
 - But the "new man" or resurrected man, or the **2 Corinthians 5:17** man (the Mordecai-Xerxes man).

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1. **Romans 6:12,13 – Present yourselves to God!**
 - **v. 13** – "as those alive from the dead"
 - What died with Christ?
 - All that was of Adam – the old man, the old creation, the fleshly me
 - What now is alive from the dead?
 - The new life of Christ in me – (which we will see later is Spirit-led)
 - **Knowing → Counting → Presenting**
 - Presenting myself to God then means that from the moment of my resurrection on, I am to consider my life and members as belonging exclusively to Him!
 - What I present is my new life, nothing of the old creation.

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2. **Romans 6:19** – present...resulting in holiness
 - What is Holiness? Holy?
 - **Exodus 3:5** – Holy ground. Why?
 - Because it was ground set aside for God's use – His presence.
 - **Exodus 40:9** – Holy tabernacle. Why?
 - Because it was a dwelling set aside for God's presence.
 - **Exodus 40:10** – Holy utensils. Why?
 - Because they were set aside for God's use.
 - **Habakkuk 2:20** – Holy temple. Why?
 - Because it was a dwelling set aside for God's presence
 - God was there.
 - **1 Corinthians 3:17** – Holy temple. Why?
 - Because we are a dwelling set aside for God's presence and use
 - God is here and will use us for His perfect purpose!

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2. **Romans 6:19** – present...resulting in holiness
 - What is Holiness? Holy?
 - Holiness does not arise from the eradication of something evil within.
 - True Holiness – something or someone becomes holy by being separated for God's intended use!
 - You and I are Holy Saints because we have been separated of our old nature and are now reserved exclusively to the Lord!
 - **Presenting sets me aside for His use – Presenting leads me further into holiness!**
 - **2 Corinthians 6:16-17** – not of the world, but definitely *in* the world (**1 Cor. 5:9-11**).
 - Many in the church today are trying desperately to please God by presenting their uncrucified natural faculties to His service.

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- Summary:
- *Knowing* → *Counting* → *Presenting*
 - This is the natural order of my faith.
 - I *know* by faith.
 - I *count* by faith.
 - I *present* by faith.
 - **1 Corinthians 6:15-20**
 - **Isaiah 6:1-8**
 - **Closing Thought:**
 - I will not have the sense of God's presence with me until I know that I am God's possession.

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- Are you willing to say, "Lord, here am I. I am Yours completely. Send me. Use me."
- Do you really know (in your heart) that, because Christ is risen, you are therefore alive "unto God" and not "unto yourself?"
- What would truly *knowing* this look like in your life?
 - Would your time management be affected?
 - How about your personal resources?
- What is going to change in your life tonight?