

Cornerstone Bible Church

An Uncomfortable Conclusion

(Romans 6:1-23)

Survey of Romans part 18

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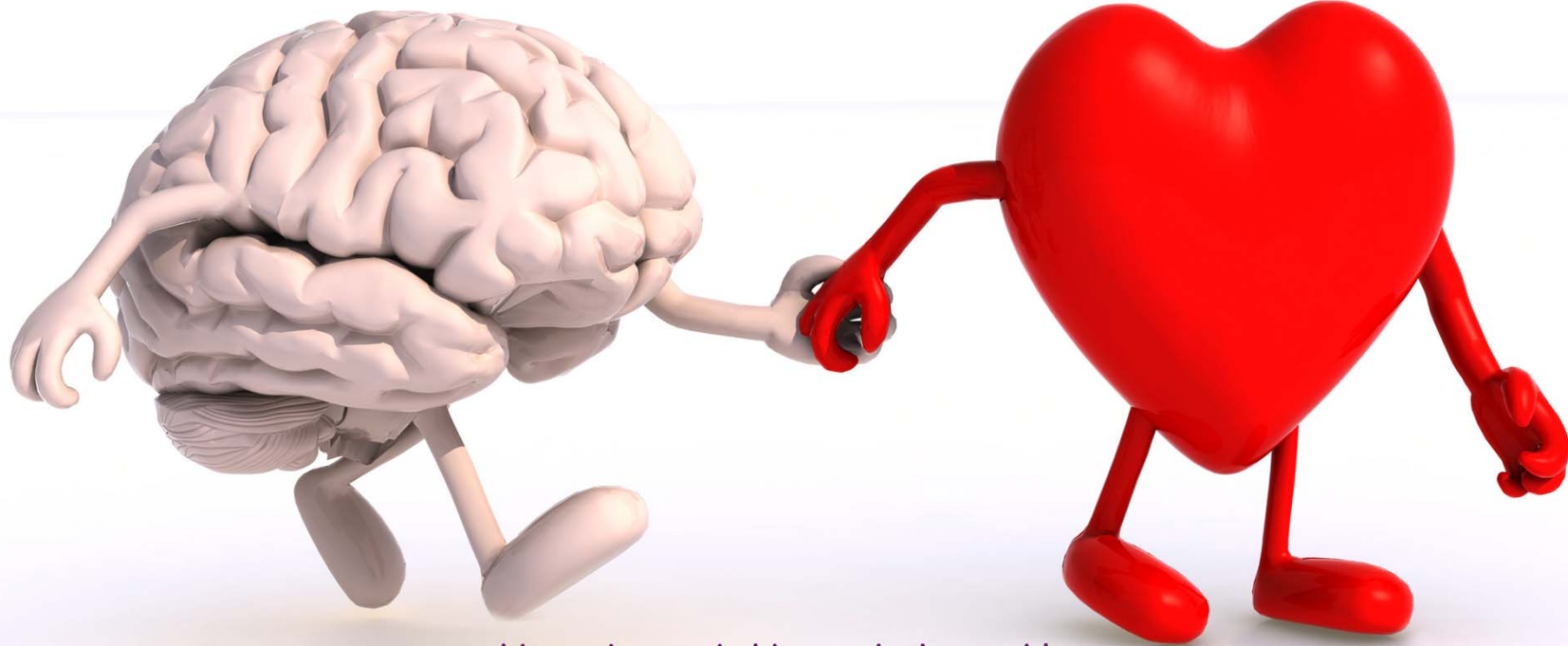
Introduction:

“The short circuit.”

The Gospel of SOLA FIDE,
SOLUS CHRISTUS

The Daily Battle

The Law “Do this and you
shall live.”



Head and Heart together

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I will walk before the Lord in the
land of the living Psalm 116:9

“Jesus paid it all, all to
Him I owe”

Introduction:

- The Gospel of free, unmerited and irrevocable Grace inevitably runs into some difficult to admit conclusions.
- When you preach grace at face value, the logical conclusion is tense, disruptive and uncomfortable.
- If salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone ... then ... a believer cannot lose salvation.
- I'm afraid we seldom realize the consequences of this statement.
- The practical and theological derivatives of the Gospel, can be very unsettling.

Introduction:

- A true believer, who falls into a grievous sin, doesn't stop being a believer. The Biblical record is full of those cases.
- A disturbing thought to our religious vein. Ex: Paul with those who in Corinth, were committing fornication with harlots.
- Preaching grace is the equivalent of a nuclear fission.
- Once we release the Lion from its cage, there's no going back. Once a person understands the Gospel, you can no longer control or manipulate them into fear.

Introduction:

- But there must be a balance to this, right?
- Some try to cushion the logical conclusion of the gospel with **moralism & Christian ethics**. So they leave the gospel behind, and move on to a life of morality.
- **Others try to fence** the gospel by scaring Christians with this thought: that they must prove their Christianity through a life that grows into less sinning and more sanctification as time passes.
- Spurgeon: “**the holier a person becomes, the more they mourn their sinfulness.**”

Introduction:

1. Paul affirmed he was the least among the apostles
1 Corinthians 15:9 Spring of 53 A.D.
 2. Then that he was the least of all of the saints Ephesians 3:8
Spring of 62 A.D.
 3. At the end, he was the chief sinner 1 Timothy 1:15-16
Winter of 63 A.D.
- **What Christians need to grow in holiness is not the law, but the very gospel which released us from the curse of the law.**
 - So what do we do with this discomfoting conclusion the Gospel leads to?

Romans 6: a proposed outline

- How can we prevent someone from abusing the gospel?
(We can't)
- A summary and not a word by word study.
- The Gospel IS NOT a free pass to licentiousness, but in fact it will make us grow in grace and sanctification.
- In my opinion, Paul uses four strands of arguments.

I - A NEW CONDITION: Union with Christ.

II - A NEW COVENANT: “you are not under Law but under Grace”.

III - A NEW MASTER: from slaves to sin to slaves of righteousness.

IV - A NEW DISPOSITION: Consider yourselves dead to sin.

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