



## **Overcome Generational Curses & Word Curses**

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This outline is meant to be a supplement to the book, "How To Destroy The Evil Tree". The book gives a foundation for the following personal work. Please read the book to reinforce the work that you do in this seminar. You may print a copy from the above link or purchase the book from WPC.

### **I. A Brief Definition:**

The primary Old Testament Hebrew word translated "iniquity" literally means "perversion", while the primary New Testament Greek word translated "iniquity" means "lawlessness". In simple thought, iniquity is a bent toward sin or negative life trait which is passed down from one generation to the next generation. It is more than just modeled behavior, it is inherited. It may encompass every area of our lives, psychological, behavioral, physical, so-

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cial, and financial. An evil tree with evil fruit provides an illustration for communication.

## II. Prayer of Discovery:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my disquieting (anxious) thoughts: And see if there be any way of pain in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24 a literal translation). **Please begin praying this prayer:** Dear God, I pray that you show me the generational curses in my life and their roots and set me free from these curses.

### Evil Fruit

#### Possessiveness

greed  
jealousy  
laziness  
gambling  
stinginess  
hoarding  
stealing  
poverty  
indebtedness

#### Sexual Sin

lust  
fornication  
adultery  
pornography  
masturbation  
homosexuality  
incest  
sexual abuse of others  
rape

#### Anger

unforgiveness  
bitterness  
hatred  
rage  
violence  
aggressiveness  
(toward others)  
murder

#### Fears

fear of failure  
fear of man  
fear of evil  
fear of the dark  
fear of closed places  
fear of heights  
fear of losing  
salvation

#### Addictions

illegal drugs  
prescribed medications  
alcohol  
tobacco  
caffeine  
food  
overeating

#### Rebellion

(toward God and authority)  
stubbornness  
pride  
idolatry  
disobedient  
lawlessness  
witchcraft

grow" is in the future tense. Scripture: (Ephesians 4:15). When the prophet, Hosea, bought back Gomer his wife, he prophesied over her. (Hosea 3:3).

"Outline For Breaking Generational Curses" = [http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/addictions/gen\\_curses.html](http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/addictions/gen_curses.html) (on the web).

See: "The Accuser" = [http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/warfare/the\\_accuser.html](http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/warfare/the_accuser.html)

\*\*\* An interesting thought: Jesus spoke not a word when he was cursed and received the curse for us. (Acts 8:32). (Galatians 3:13).

F. We should stand against the curses spoken over us, answering each with the Word of God.

1. Each time Jesus was tempted, he responded with "It is written". (Matthew 4:1-11). (Ephesians 6:17). In other words, what does God say about us, as opposed to what the curse says?

2. Examples:

"You were an accident!" (Psalms 139:14).

"You can't do anything right!" (Philippians 4:13).

"You are beyond help!" (Hebrews 4:16).

"I guess that I will always be poor!" (II Corinthians 8:9).

"You will always be in debt!" (Deuteronomy 28:12).

"Our marriage will never work!" (Matthew 19:6).

"You are a failure!" (Joshua 1:8).

G. Remember that we are to forgive, love, bless, and pray for our enemies. (Matthew 5:43-44). (Romans 12:14). (Numbers 6:23-24).

H. We should not forget that our words carry authority with them when they are based upon the Word of God and the direction of the Holy Spirit. (Mark 11:22-24). God does not give everyone the gift of prophecy to be a prophet. However, in another sense, we may prophesy when we speak in accord with the Word of God. (I Corinthians 14:1). (I Corinthians 14:5). Example: "By the grace of God our marriage will grow in love." Note that the expression "will.

fear of the unknown  
fear of God (wrong kind)

bulimia  
anorexia

arrogance  
controlling attitude

### Occult

witchcraft  
satanism  
consulting a psychic  
palm reading  
fortune telling  
table knocking  
witching for water  
Ouija board  
horoscope  
pendulum  
séances  
hypnotism  
other

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### Covenant-breaking

adultery  
divorce  
broken agreements  
broken contracts  
not keeping promises

### False Religions

Eastern Religions:  
Buddhism  
Islamism  
Bahaimism  
Indian religions  
legalism (salvation by works)  
cults (Jehovah Witnesses, Mormonism, Unity)  
faithlessness: (unbelieving, pessimistic, doubting)  
other

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### Critical Spirit

being critical of others  
judgmentalism  
belittling others  
joking at the expense of others  
self-righteous  
coldness  
general rejection of others

### Victim Mentality

being passive  
"poor me" attitude  
loneliness  
expecting failure  
doubt  
hopelessness  
unworthiness

### Emotional Issues

moodiness  
depression  
self-rejection  
self-hatred  
suicidal  
nightmares  
delusions

<u>Uncontrolled Tongue</u>	<u>Mental Illnesses</u>	<u>Physical Diseases</u>
lying	bipolar disorders	cancer
slander	personality disorders	heart disease
cursing	obsessive-compulsive	lung disease
swearing	autistic disorders	kidney stones
exaggeration	schizophrenia	blood disorders
denial	MPD or DID	stomach problems
foul mouth	others	migraine headaches
gossip	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

### III. Instructions for evil fruit list.

- Circle any item on the evil fruit list that applies to you.
- Write "F" for father or "M" for mother by any that applies to your parents.
- Write "GF/F or GM/F" (grandfather or grandmother on your father's side) or "GF/M or GM/M" (grandfather or grandmother on your mother's side) by any that applies to your grandparents.

### IV. Instructions for the "Evil Tree Drawing" on next page.

- Circle on the drawing any fruit category from the "Evil Fruit" where there are three are more failures.
- List any major or significant categories by the roots that apply to your parents or grandparents.

offenders into God's hands and also ask Him to forgive them for their offense toward us. Stephen did this as he was being stoned to death. (Acts 7:60).

3. We need to ask God to forgive us for judging others, holding unforgiveness, and speaking against them (This includes ourselves. We should also give ourselves some grace.) (I John 1:9).

4. We should ask God to take back the ground that we have surrendered to the enemy through our judgment. (II Timothy 4:18).

5. We should give the enemy an eviction notice and ask God to heal us based upon the work of Jesus. (see) See: [http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/freedom/total\\_healing.html](http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/freedom/total_healing.html)

B. We should first acknowledge that Jesus became a curse for us that we may be free. (Isaiah 53:3). (Psalms 22:7-8) (Mark 15:30-32). (John 10:20). (Galatians 3:13).

C. We are to RENOUNCE the curse. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 54:17). We are not to condemn the person, but the words. The verse says we, as Believers, are to condemn the tongue. It is our privilege and responsibility to renounce the curse. What if we don't condemn or cast down the words? They will stand!!!

D. When Goliath spoke against David, David did not let the words stand. (I Samuel 17:45-47). He did this based upon his faith in his covenant relationship with God.

E. When the enemies came against Nehemiah's efforts to rebuild the temple, Nehemiah didn't let their words stand. (Nehemiah 2:20). (Nehemiah 4:4-5). (Nehemiah 4:9). (Nehemiah 5:6-7). (Nehemiah 6:3). (Nehemiah 6:8). (Nehemiah 6:11).

he would offer as a burnt offering whosoever would come into the doors of his house. (Judges 11:30). (Judges 11:35). Asa made an ungodly league with Benhadad, king of Syria. Because of this Hanani, the prophet said that Asa was under a curse. (II Chronicles 16:7). Herod made a promise to the daughter of Herodias when she danced before him. (Matthew 14:7). She asked for the head of John the Baptist. (Matthew 14:9).

F. Curses are also attached to the breaking of covenants, promises, and pledges. Although Joshua had made a league with the Gibeonites, Saul broke the league by killing them. The result was that there was a curse of a famine in the land. (II Samuel 21:1). Marriage is also a covenant between two people in the presence of God. When a couple get a divorce, they are breaking the covenant. Covenantbreakers are listed among those who God has given over to a reprobate mind. (Romans 1:31). (II Timothy 3:3). God said that He would cut off those who deal treacherously with others. The word "treacherously" means to violate a pledge. (Malachi 2:14). There are many curses that come with a divorce. Just think about it for a minute. When a husband promises to do something for his wife, but fails to do it, there is a curse. When a father promises to do something with his son, but doesn't do it, there is a curse.

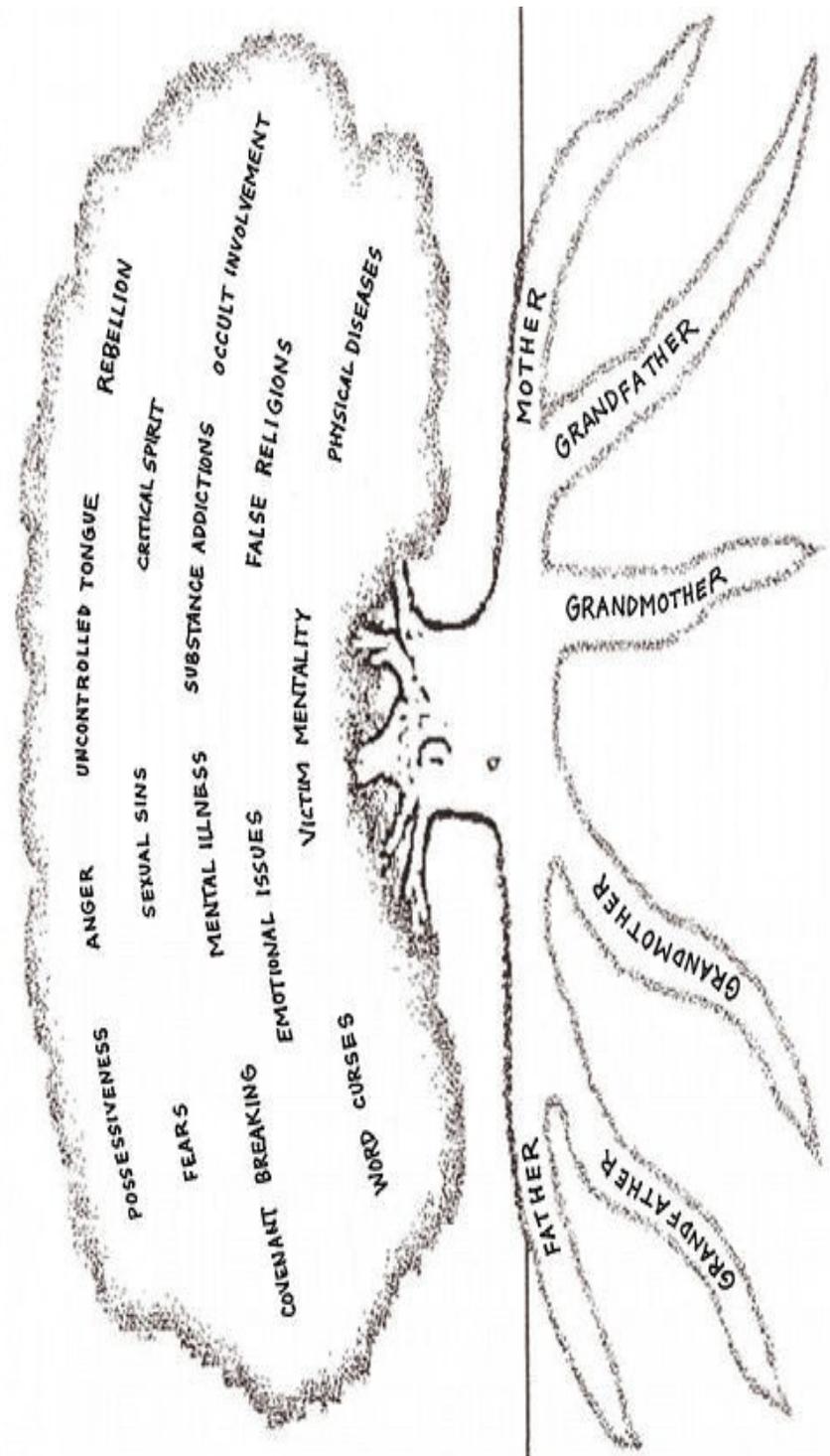
#### IV. Curses are established if we allow them to stand.

(Deuteronomy 19:15). Note that it takes two witnesses for the issue to be valid. (Matthew 18:16). If a wife vowed a vow and the husband lets it stand (in essence, agreeing to it), it was established. (Numbers 30:13). If we know of a curse spoken over us, but say nothing, then we are in one sense silently agreeing with the curse.

#### V. How do you break the curses?

A. We should take the following steps if we have judged others and spoken against them.

1. We need to forgive others for what they have done against us. (Colossians 3:13).
2. We need to place the judgment of now living



## V. The Word (Scripture).

(Lamentations 5:7) "Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities."

(Exodus 20:5b) "... visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

(Deuteronomy 27-28) "Gives a list of a number of curses that one may experience because of disobeying the laws of God." (sins, failures, poverty, indebtedness, diseases, family breakups, etc.)

(Deuteronomy 28:15) "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:"

(Galatians 3:10-14) "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

## VI. The Scriptural basis for prayer.

"Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of

prophesy. When we use absolute negatives, "I will always be ....", "I can't ever ....", or "This is just the way I am", we are generally speaking a curse over ourselves. These include inner vows that we have made to ourselves.

C. Word curses are also evil words that others speak over us and may give the enemy legal right to attack us, especially if we let them stand. (Numbers 22:6). (II Kings 2:24). (Numbers 5:21). Curses carry an enormous amount of weight, especially when they come from those in authority over us or those we consider to be in authority. When a father tells his son that he is worthless, it normally has a dramatic effect in son's life because the enemy then has legal right to fulfill the curse. See: "The Spirit Of The Ruler" = [http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/freedom/spirit\\_of\\_ruler.html](http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/freedom/spirit_of_ruler.html).

D. Word curses may also come through the ungodly prayers of others. (Ezekiel 13:17-23). (I Samuel 17:43). When some people pray, they just pray the problem, complaining to God about the problem and never pray for the answer to the problem. We should carefully consider who we allow to lay hands upon us. The hands are used to transfer blessings or curses. (Genesis 48:14-15). (Leviticus 16:21-22). We should be very careful about who we allow to anoint us with oil and pray over us. (James 5:14-15).

E. Curses may also be established when we enter into ungodly promises, oaths, partnerships, leagues, or covenant agreements. People often shake hands in agreement. (Proverbs 22:26). This would be as in cosigning for the loan of another. (Proverbs 22:27). (Proverbs 6:1-2). The Gibeonites disguised themselves as being from a country far away and tricked Joshua and the elders to make a league with them. (Joshua 9:6) Rather than seeking counsel from God, Joshua made a league with them. (Joshua 9:15). Saul made a foolish oath declaring that any who would eat on a certain day was to die. Jonathan, Saul's son ate and Saul said that Jonathan must die. (I Samuel 14:43-44). It was only by the instance of the people that Jonathan was not killed. Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD saying that

19). (Luke 6:45). (Ephesians 4:29). (James 3:-5-6). (James 3:10). "Speak To The Issues" = <http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/ndoc2/speaktoissues.html>.

### III. What are word curses?

A. The words which we speak in judgment over others give the enemy legal right to fulfill the curse in our lives.

1. When we speak against those in authority, we come under a curse.

a. When we speak against those in authority, we are actually speaking against God. (Romans 13:1-2).

b. When Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses for marrying an Ethiopian woman, Miriam fell under a curse of becoming a leper. (Numbers 12:10).

c. When Korah and two hundred and fifty princes of Israel spoke against Moses, they fell under the judgment of God. The earth opened and swallowed the princes and their families. (Numbers 16:32).

d. Then when the people spoke against Moses and Aaron for killing their princes, they also fell under a curse. Fourteen thousand and seven hundred died in a plague. (Numbers 16:49).

2. When we don't forgive others, we become subject to the judgment of God. (Matthew 6:14-15). (Matthew 18:34-35).

3. When we place negative judgments over others, we are subject to God's judgment ourselves. (Luke 6:37). (James 4:11). (Matthew 5:22). (Proverbs 26:27).

B. Self imposed curses give the enemy legal right to fulfill the curse. (Proverbs 6:2). (Matthew 12:36). (I Kings 19:4). (Matthew 27:25). In psychology, it is called a self fulfilling

the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God" (Nehemiah 9:1-3).

### Prayer to apply:

A. Concerning forefathers (parents & grandparents). (Nehemiah 9:1-3).

1. I now confess the sins of my forefathers as I have indicated (take time to do this in your mind).

2. By Your grace, I purpose to forgive them of any bent toward sin (iniquity) or curse that has been passed along to me.

3. I also place the judgment of my now living forefathers in Your hand and ask that You also forgive them. (John 20:23).

B. Concerning my own failures.

1. I acknowledge and confess those failures that I have circled as sin. I ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing according to I John 1:9.

2. I purpose by Your grace to turn from these and do them no more.

3. In the name of Jesus, I bind (Matthew 12:29, 18:18) any spirits associated with these areas and command that they leave my mind, will, emotions, my body, this room, and this area and do not come back again.

4. I declare that Jesus has given me right standing before God, the Father, and that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; therefore, I am doing some house cleaning and will not leave room for the enemy to return. (It is good to reinforce this with Scripture as Matthew 4:4, 6, 10).

5. Holy Spirit, You are a witness with my spirit; therefore, I am asking You, "Am I now free?" (Listen for the answer). If the answer is "No.", then ask the Holy Spirit where the bondage lies. Confess any additional sins and ask for forgiveness and cleansing and command that the enemy leaves based upon the Word of God. (Mark 16:17).

## VII. Declaration of Faith. (based upon Galatians 3:10-14 and Romans 6).

Now, in the name of Jesus and based upon the fact that he hung on the cross and became a curse for me (in my place). I declare that the roots to this evil tree are cut and that the tree is dead and that the fruit must dry up and pass away.

## VIII. New Tree Declarations. (John 15:1ff)

A. I also declare that I have a new tree in Christ that is rooted in the Word of God.

B. I declare that by the grace of God that I will produce much lasting fruit as I depend upon the mercy and grace of God (Philippians 2:13, Galatians 3:20). Amen.

## IX. Study Romans Chapter Six for summary.

\*\*\* Although "the evil tree" is a vehicle of communication, Romans chapter six is the doctrinal explanation.

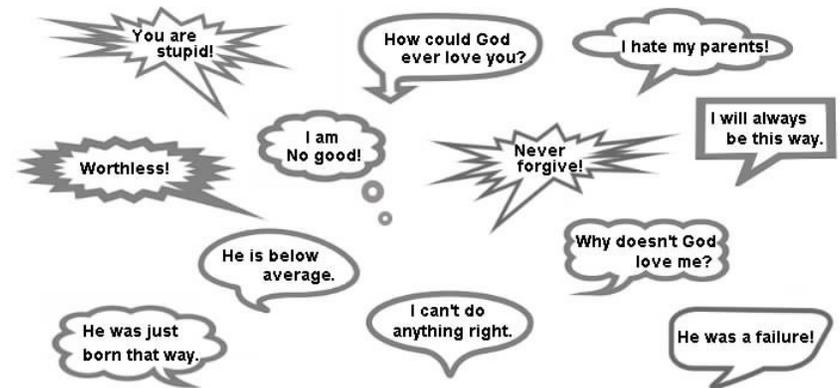
## Romans Six Translation. (with literal inserts)

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized (a spiritual baptism) (unto) into Jesus Christ were baptized (unto) into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (unto) into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5. (Galatians 3:16-18) "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise."

6. (Galatians 3:22) "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

7. (Galatians 3:28-29) "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."



## Overcoming Word Curses

I. Where there is a curse, there is a cause. (Proverbs 26:2) "Actions & Consequences" = <http://www.wholeperson-counseling.org/java/crossing.html>.

II. Words carry power with them. (Proverbs 18:21). (Isaiah 57:

for the result of all of those things is death.

22. But NOW, being made free from sin, and NOW having become a servant of God, I have my fruit unto holiness and resulting in everlasting life.

23. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

## X. Free from Generational Curses That We May Receive God's Blessings.

1. (Exodus 20:6) "And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

2. (Exodus 34:6-7) "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."

3. (Galatians 3:13-14) "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

4. (Genesis 12:1-3) "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

For if we have been (grafted together) planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:1-23).

## Romans 6 Declarations

(The following is not a translation, but declarations based

upon a literal translation of the passage).

**\*\*\* Please make the following audible declaration:**

1. What shall I say then? Shall I continue in sin, that grace may abound?
2. God forbid! How can I, who am dead to sin, live in sin any longer.
3. I know that through spiritual baptism I was joined unto Jesus and unto his death.
4. Therefore, I am buried with him by baptism unto death: that just like Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so I shall walk in newness of life.
5. As I have been grafted together with Jesus in the likeness of his death, I shall be grafted together with him in the likeness of his resurrection.
6. I know this, that my old man (my evil tree) is crucified with him, that the body of sin (the fruit on the tree) might be destroyed, that from this time forward, I should not be a slave to sin.
7. Because I (the old man) am dead, I am free from sin.
8. Now, since I am dead with Christ, I believe that I shall also live (now and forever) with him.
9. I know that Christ is raised from the dead and will not die again. Therefore, death has no power or authority over him.
10. In that Jesus died, he died only one time unto sin: but in that he lives, he lives continually and forever unto God.
11. Likewise, when all is said and done, I consider and

conclude that I am truly dead to sin, but also alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord.

12. Based upon this truth, I will not let sin reign in my mortal body, that I should obey it in the lusts of it.
13. Neither will I yield the members of my body as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin. However, I will yield myself unto God, as one who is alive from the dead, and my members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
14. For sin shall no longer have any power or authority to rule over me, because I am not under the law (of sin and death) but under grace.
15. What now? Shall I sin, because I am not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!
16. I know that to whom I yield myself a slave to obey, his slave I am to whom I obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto God.
17. I thank God, that though I was (past tense) a slave of sin, I have now obeyed from my heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto me.
18. Being then made alive from sin, I became a servant of righteousness.
19. Recognizing the weakness in my flesh, as I have in the past yielded my members as slaves to uncleanness and to iniquity (perversion or a bent toward sin) which led to more iniquity, even so I now (today) yield my members as servants unto holiness.
20. For when I was a slave to sin, I was free from righteousness (that is could not obtain righteousness).
21. I am now ashamed of the evil fruit that I once produced