

## *Christian Victory: “Yield”*

*“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” (Rom. 6:13).*

A YIELD traffic sign on any highway cautions the vehicle driver to slow down and prepare to stop if necessary. If there is no through traffic, stopping is not necessary and the driver may proceed. If there is traffic, however, by stopping the vehicle the driver yields the right-of-way to the through traffic. The difference between a YIELD sign and a STOP sign is the driver is to always bring the vehicle to a full stop at the latter.

Having left the paths of sin, the highway on which believers are now traveling is called “The way of holiness” (Isa. 35:8). One of the first signs on the highway of holiness is a YIELD sign. To travel on this highway we must yield to the demands of God’s holiness. To continue to travel on this highway, to move in daily victory in the journey, we must constantly yield ourselves to the directions of God’s holiness.

The three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, wonderfully depicted the truth of yielded lives. We are told that they not only “trusted” in the Lord, but they “changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God” (Dan. 3:28). In overcoming faith, they unreservedly gave themselves to the service and worship of the true God. In this third emphasis from Romans 6, we learn that:

*Yielding to the Lord involves turning to Him!* It is true that we are not to “yield” our “members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin.” Yet, on the other hand, we are also taught to “yield” ourselves “unto God.” In other words, we are to abort any association with unrighteousness and impurity, and adopt every association with the God of righteousness and purity. As we move away from all that is unlike Him, we move more toward His likeness.

*Yielding to the Lord involves trusting in Him!* Of course, we can only effectively turn to God as we know our position in Christ and as we reckon upon that position. Our turning from unrighteousness to righteousness is based upon the fact that we are “alive from the dead.” Understanding who we are in Christ encourages reliance upon the Lord and an unreserved release of ourselves to Him.

*Yielding to the Lord involves triumphing with Him!* It must be noticed that the word “instruments” (Gr. *hoplon*), in both usages in the text, means, “arms used in warfare, weapons.” The members of our bodies are not to be weapons against the Lord, but weapons implemented with Him in spiritual battle. In that light, may we yield all our weapons to the Captain of our salvation and enjoy the victory that is ours in Him.