

What is the connection between faith and works ?

Part One



A look at Romans chapter 6

TWISTED LOGIC



Because we are under grace

- 1, Carry on sinning
- 2, It doesn't matter how you live once you've accepted Jesus
- 3, I don't have to live by any rules ... I'm FREE

By no means!



Romans 6:2

We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death

Romans 6:3-4

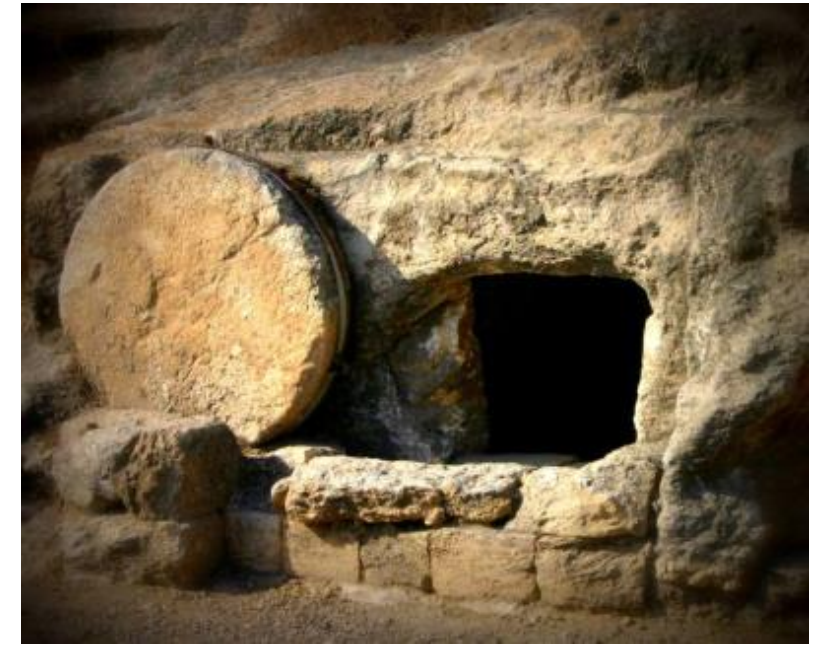
**The believer is
united with
the Messiah
In his death**



in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:3-4

**The believer is
united with
the Messiah
In his resurrection**



If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection

Romans 6:5

You're joined to Jesus



In his death

AND

In his resurrection



For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

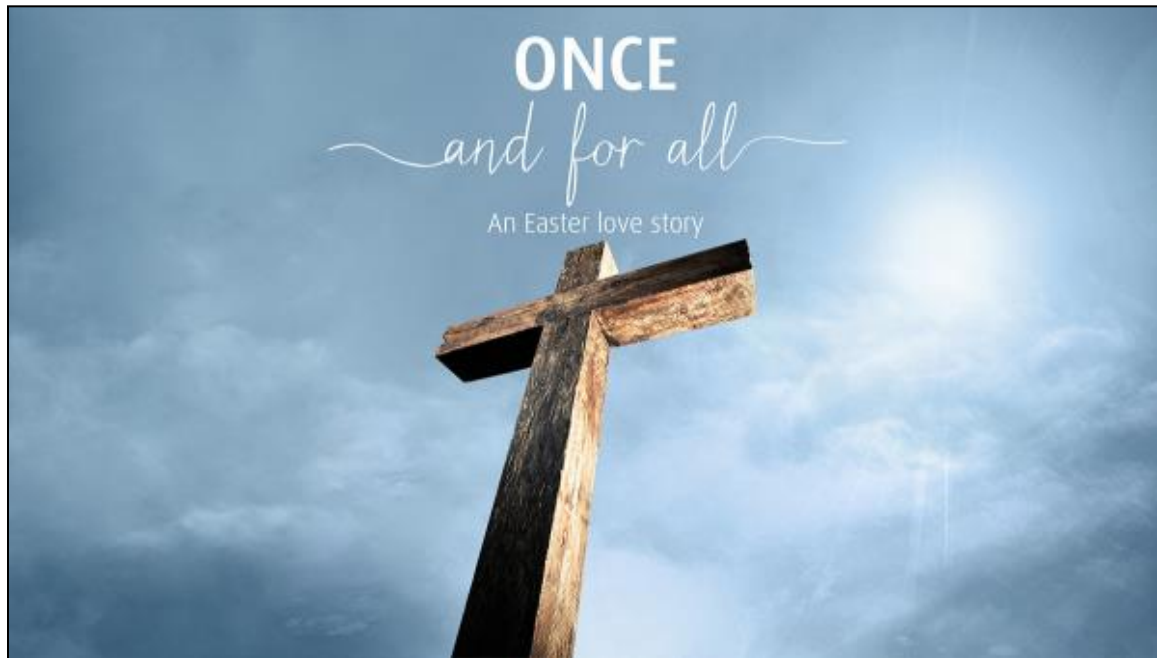
Romans 6:6

You died to sin



Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; **death no longer has mastery over him**. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Romans 6:7 -10



Jesus defeated death





A new way of seeing things

Count yourselves, reckon, act as if it really is true (because it is)

Dead to sin

Alive to God



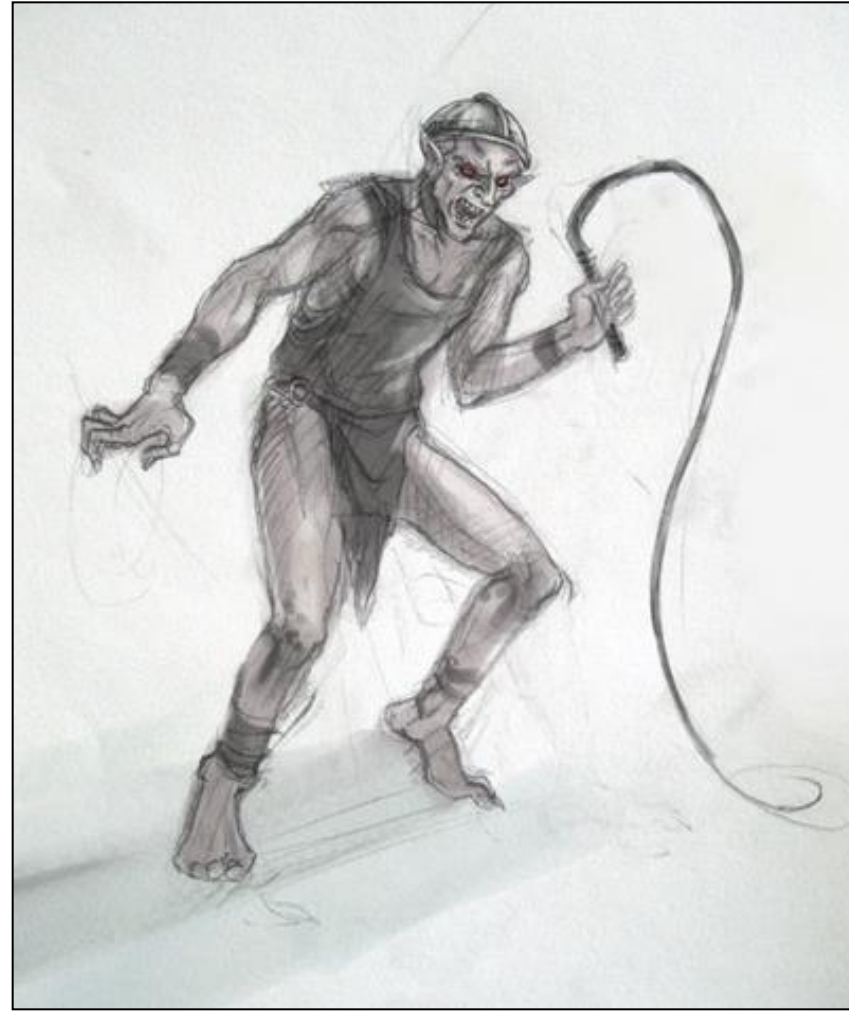
Remember:
Temptation is not sin!
Hebrews 4:15



Therefore do not **LET** sin reign in your **mortal** body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6:12

It's something
you can only do by
the power of the
Holy Spirit



What is in control of your life?

What is SIN?

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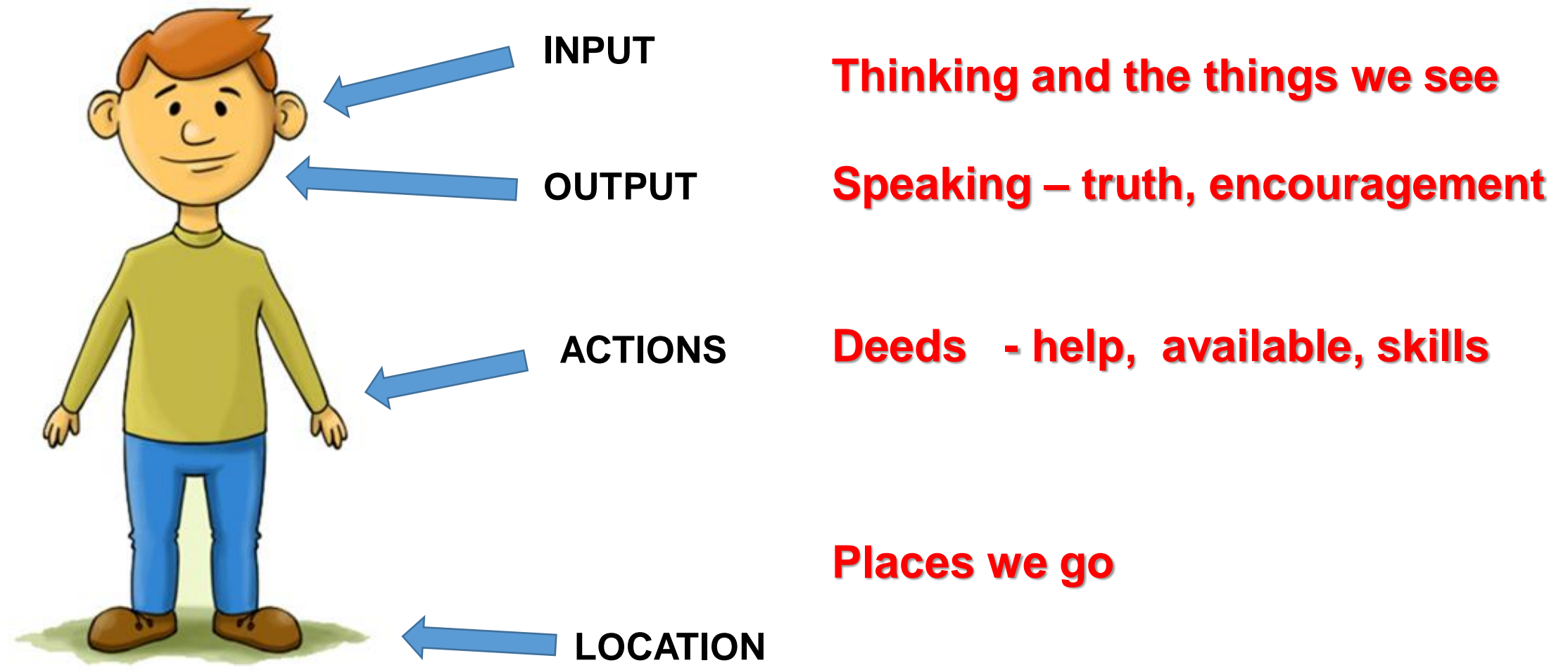
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What are the excuses we make?

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments(weapons) of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13

Your body is the means to express your inner life.



For sin shall no longer be your master,
because you are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14



THE BIG PRINCIPLE (The most misunderstood one)

You are not under law
(subject to its penalties)
but under grace
(subject to grace's enabling)

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace?

By no means! Romans 6:15



Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey--whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death,?

Romans 6:16

FREEDOM !



Slaves to sin ?

-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or **to obedience**, which leads to righteousness?

Romans 6:16

FREEDOM !

Slaves to obedience

Whose slave are you?



But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. Romans 6:17 - 18

Sin's slave

Disobedience

Death



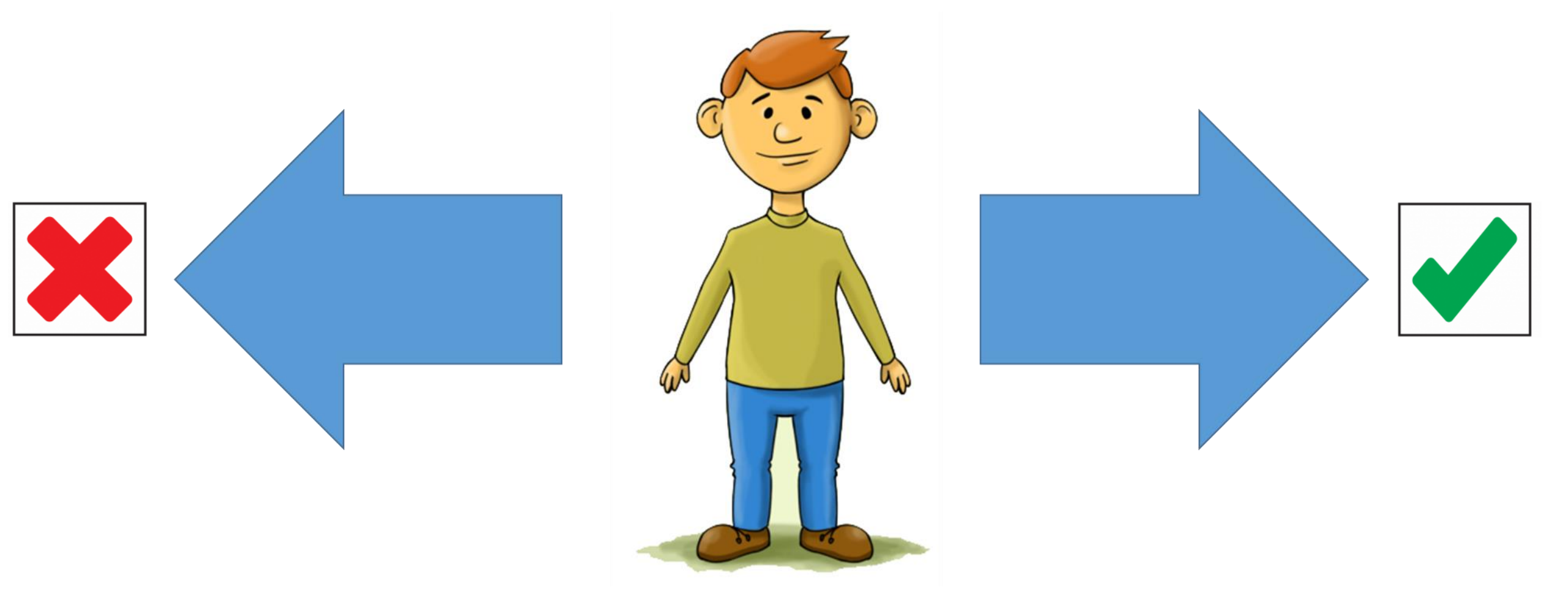
God's slave

Obedience

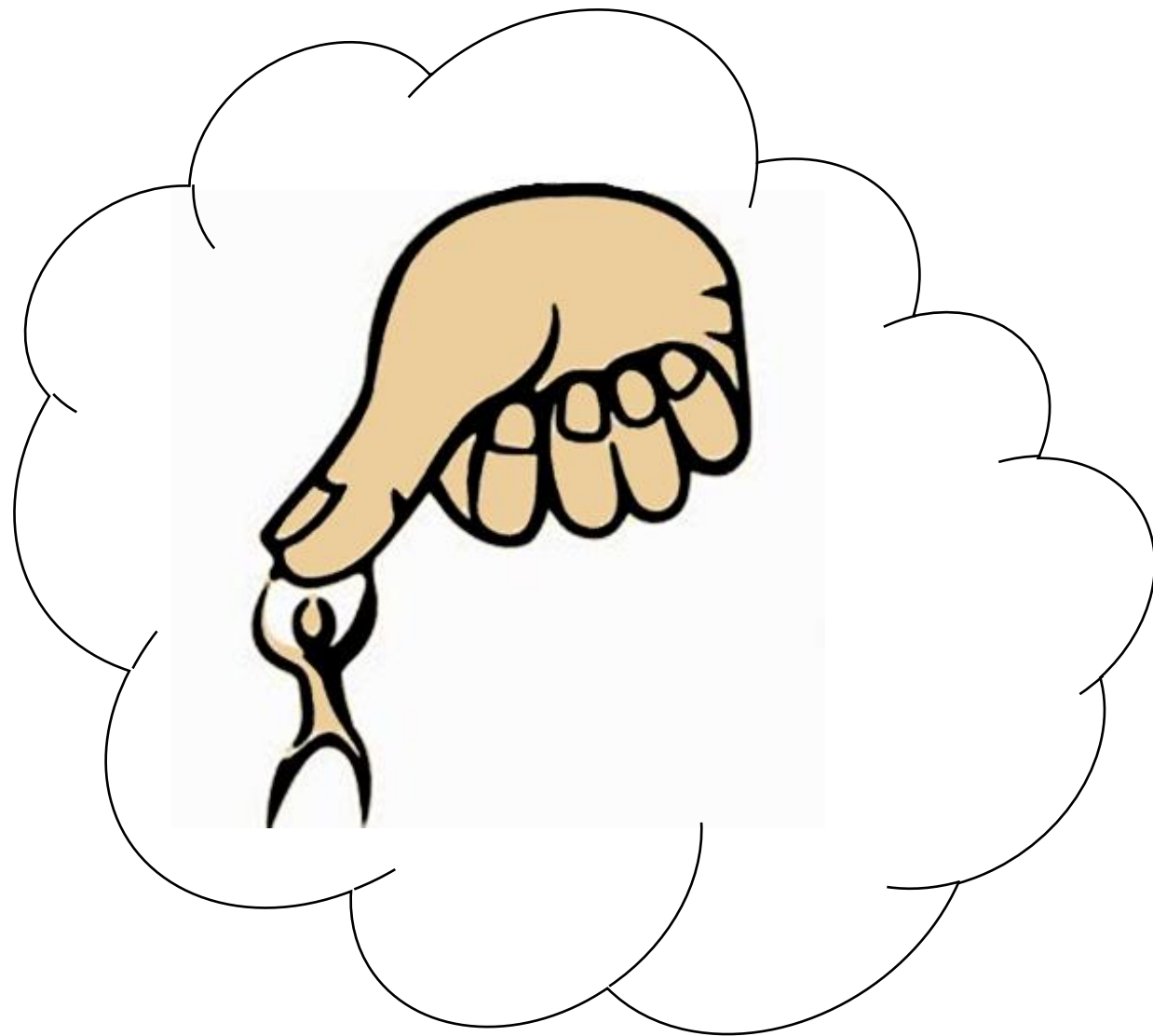
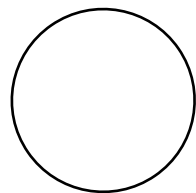
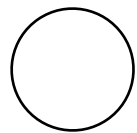
Life



I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. Romans 6:19



When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. Romans 6:20



What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of?

Those things result in death!

Romans 6:21

What's the view looking back?



**And where
does it lead to ?**



But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of **God**, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. Romans 6:22

BUT NOW ...



AND it leads to HOLINESS

For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

There are only **2** options !



Joshua 24:15

How does faith work ?



Believe in the Lord Jesus, and
you will be saved-
Acts 16:31

