

# Studies in Psalm 16:-06

by James K. Boswell

---

*The sermon emphasizes the importance of trusting in Christ alone and giving ourselves completely to Him, and it provides practical principles for applying this truth to our lives.*

**Duration:** 43:40

**Scripture:** Psalm 16:11, Matthew 6:33, Romans 6:3-12

**Topics:** "Dying To Self", "Trusting God"

---

## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of having power in one's faith, rather than just focusing on the delivery and presentation of the message. He shares a story about a neurosurgeon and an executive who were deeply moved by the truth of the Gospel and experienced a transformation in their lives. The preacher then discusses the concept of being a servant and the need to yield to God. He highlights the principle of dying to oneself in order to experience true life and fruitfulness. The sermon concludes with a focus on trusting in God and seeking His path for abundant life.

---

## Transcript

The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup. Thou maintainest my lot. The lives are fallen unto me in pleasant places.

Yea, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel. My thoughts also instruct me in the night season.

I have set the Lord always before me. Because it is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices.

My flesh also shall rest in hope. As far as we've got this week, isn't it? I want to consider mainly the last verse which says here, Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence fullness of joy, thy right hand pleasures forevermore.

The Father, He planned the way. The Son, He opened the way. The Holy Spirit, He shows us the way.

The Father planned it, the Son opened it, the Spirit shows. Speaks here about joy, fullness of joy. There you have the quantity, fullness of joy.

Thy right hand, you have the dignity of this wonderful joy. And then you have pleasures forevermore, and there you have the duration. The quantity, the dignity, and the duration of this wonderful joy and these wonderful pleasures.

And notice what it says, I will show thee the path of life. There is life out of death. It's a principle running right through scripture.

If we are going to live, we must die. Except the corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone. But if it dies, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Thank God tonight for the much fruit. Know this before your heart, I want you to think of this wonderful song. Remember again, in thee do I put my trust.

Now you come right down to this last verse. Thou wilt show me the path of life. Why, in thee, and in thee alone, have I placed all my trust.

Lord, thou art enough, the mind and heart fulfilled. Fix my eyes, O holy Lord, on thee. That with thy beauty occupied I elsewhere none may see.

Why am I stressing this last verse, especially in a meeting like this? I'll tell you why. There was a time in my life when I was out in a full-time ministry, ministering all over the British Isles, seeing many people trusting Jesus Christ, seeing that the family was established here and established there. One day traveling along in a double-decker bus in the city of Birmingham back in England, I was meditating upon being in Christ and being in Adam, and I was just a young preacher.

And all of a sudden, just as if a voice spoke to me audibly, said, Jim Boswell, you're trying to patch up a man, to make a man refined, cultured, respectable, religious. A man whom I finished with two thousand years ago. You were completely corrupt, you were rotten, there wasn't a good thing about you.

Even all your respectable, religious, cultured flesh was just corrupt in my sight. And I put you upon a cross. I put you upon a cross.

And when my son died, I saw you there, dying in my beloved son. And now I see you no longer as in Adam. I see you in my son, holding without blame before me in love.

And now, here's the glorious truth. Not only did it reveal to my heart that I was in Christ, but now that Christ by His Spirit lived in me. Oh, I was so happy, I shouted glory right out in that double-decker bus.

It was a divine revelation to my heart that Christ literally lived in me. That He was the very life of my life. Now, I knew this theoretically, I knew it doctrinally, I knew it scripturally, and I taught it all over the British Isles.

But I did not know it experientially until that particular moment, when the Spirit of God revealed to me that Christ lived in me. We were in a place in England for about five years. When we got into this particular area, we met about five Christians.

A college friend of my wife had been there conducting a crusade. Psalm 65 was professed salvation. When we got there, we couldn't find five of them.

Oh, the danger of bringing people to a profession without any heart regeneration. Oh, my friend, I'd rather go through a whole crusade and never see a soul professed than to see a whole crowd of mere professors. By God's grace, we never go through a crusade or even a week's meeting without seeing someone, how some others come through for the Lord Jesus Christ.

So we were in this particular area. It was the Lord's Day between Christmas and the New Year. And we got that little group together.

And like Mr. Willing, we showed them a New Testament church from the Word of God. And the Lord's table was there. We gathered around the Lord Jesus.

And from within, we taught them the truth of a New Testament church and the breaking of bread. The following Easter, we baptized 21. And we went on like that.

The assembly began to grow and develop. Many were attracted by the ministry of Christ from other denominations. And they took their place in the assembly of God's beloved people.

But the dirt came into that assembly. Souls were not being saved. God's people were not going on in victories.

I should have loved them to be going on. Unlike some evangelists, like some Bible teachers, I began to thrash them and tell them to go home and get things put right. There's a naked man in the camp.

There's something causing this blockage, this stoppage of blessings. There must be someone here living in sin. Monday morning, after a very busy Lord's Day, I was alone in my room.

And I tell you very humbly, very frankly, in the closing moment of this particular conference, the Spirit of God put His finger upon all the trouble in my own life. I wanted souls saved. I wanted God's people living in newness of life and walking therein to God's glory.

You say, surely that's a good desire. The desire was all right, but the motive was not pure. There was an impure motive.

I wanted to be thought a great preacher. I wanted to be thought a wonderful Bible teacher, a wonderful soul winner. And God stopped the blessing.

He will not share His glory with another. He must have all the glory. He must have all the praise.

I'm getting right down there before the Lord Jesus. He is cursing down my feet. All I could get from Him was Psalm 16, verse 11.

I will show thee the path of life. I will show thee the path of life. Now I said, Lord, what is it? Lord, show me this way.

And just as a boy said, look at verse 10, Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, nor suffer thine holy one to seek corruption. And then I saw there was something in my life that had to die. And again, the same boy said, You have given your wife.

You have given your child. You have given your money. You have given your talents.

You have given your time. But, Jim Boswell, I want you. And I thought the Lord was every part of me until that particular moment.

Then I thought it was easier to give my loved ones, to give my money, to give my talents, and to give my service, than to give Jim Boswell. And oh, that battle raged as it has been raged in many a heart here during this particular week. You have been brought face to face with the challenge of Christ becoming Lord in every compartment and department of your life.

Thank God for those who have entertained, who are now rejoicing in that glorious joy that Jesus Christ is Lord over all, blessed in your life for His own pleasure. But now, getting down before the Lord Jesus, I remember praying this prayer. Oh, Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, for Thou, in Thine atonement, didst give Thyself for me.

I owe no other master. My heart shall be Thy throne. My life I give.

Henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone. And Lord, if it please Thee, don't show me one token of result until I reach the glory. Beloved, that was a crisis that's led to a continuance.

That was a knack that's led to an attitude. And there's never a morning before I leave my room. Many times during the course of the day, I look up and say, Lord, I'm still Thine own.

O Lord, look after Your property. It's in danger. I recognize I'm no longer my own.

I belong to Him. Now, there's a lot of years since that has happened in my life. And I thank God for that crisis that's led to a continuance, to that desperate, deliberate act.

To me, it was just desperate, deliberate as the moment I was born again. It was that moment when I wholly, completely surrendered my life to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me ask you, lovingly, what about you? The following Wednesday night, the whole assembly had come together, and humbly I confessed the whole thing to them.

As for their forgiveness, and I should be judging then, O I then realize how easy it is to preach, how easy it is to stand up and tell others when all the time one's own heart may not be right toward the Lord Jesus Christ. I have a grave, grave concern about traveling in unfelt truth, preaching what I am not in the good of myself, all the danger of that, the danger of it. And beloved, I remember confessing the whole thing to the assembly.

And my friend, the tears that flowed that night, what happened by God's grace, the blockage was removed, blessing began to flow. Then the Lord said, it's time for you to move on. And my friend, we thank God for that glorious crisis moment when we recognize we are no longer our own, and we belong to Him.

Spirit and soul and body, time, talent and treasure, all placed at His disposal by His matchless grace. Now with all that before your heart, let me come back to the verse. I will show thee the path of life.

My friend, we want life, and we want life in abundance. Now I want you to turn with me for a few moments tonight to Romans chapter 6, the sixth chapter of this wonderful book, the Romans. Now this is a classic on this wonderful subject.

And I want to go somewhat slowly here. And I want you to follow me very carefully from the Word of God and just see what He says, not what the preacher is saying. Verse number 3. There are three things here

the Lord wants us to know.

He wants us to know, first of all, the meaning of our baptism. It says in verse 3, Know ye not? Now Paul is writing to those saints at Rome. He says, Know ye not? Just as he wrote to Saint Corn, he said, Don't you know your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost who is in you, which you have of God, and you are not to own your body for the price.

Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. O my friend, may I ask you lovingly, have you had this revelation? Do you know that you are not to own, that you have been purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ? O my friend. And he says, Your body, your spirit, your soul, the whole personality belongs to Him.

He says, Now do you know this? Have you handed yourself over to the rightful owner? He purchased us that He might possess us without any reserve and without any condition. Now regarding our baptism, for remember the Bible says, the Lord says, Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not what I say? You are drawn near to me with your lips, but your heart is far from me. Dr. Stephen Alford, he said these words, Partial obedience is total disobedience in the reckoning of God.

Did you get that? Partial obedience is total disobedience in the reckoning of God. He is referring to Thessalonians, that is to say all the Amalekites. Stamp them out completely.

Don't leave one trace of the Amalekites. He spared Agath, he spared the best of the flock. He partially obeyed.

But what happened? He lost his kingdom and he lost his life. Then I repeat with all sincerity, partial obedience to partially obey is to totally disobey in the reckoning of God. You won't get any credit or any recognition, my friend, for partial obedience.

The Lord says it's total commitment, complete obedience. What does it say? We can never prove the delights of Islam until all on the altar we lay. I thought me might have sung tonight not part of my heart, but all of my heart I give to thee.

Not part of my heart, but all of my heart I give to thee. What does it say? We can never prove the delights of Islam until all on the altar we lay for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for those who will trust and obey. Then on fellowship's week we will sit at his feet or we'll walk by his side in the way for he says we will do where he sends we will go.

Never fear, oh, make trust and obey. And his commandments are not grievous. Oh, the joy of this maxit love.

Now notice what verse number three says. Verse number six. Know ye not so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his day.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into day that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in units of life. For if we are being planted together in the likeness of his day, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. There you have the meaning of your baptism.

Now if your baptism doesn't mean this then whether it's baptism is just a farce. It's just a farce. You've got to recognize, my friend, you've been baptized into his day.

Planted together in the likeness of his day. We're saying this morning we are in Christ. In Christ.

We thought of that one little scripture. God with us. Emmanuel.

Then remember the last phrase of Matthew's gospel. I am with you. The original text.

I with you am. The great big capital I. The small with you. The capital am.

And that's where we are. We are lost in the great I am. We are accepted in the beloved.

It's wonderful, isn't it? Now go to verse number six for the sake of time. Here's something else he wants me to know. Knowing this, our old man.

All I am is a child of Adam. All I am by nature. Knowing this, our old man was crucified with him that the body of sin might be destroyed, made it operative, put out of action, unemployed, rendered idle, discharged.

It's all the same Greek word. I like it, my friend. I give the illustration the other night from Matthew's gospel where the people were standing in the market square.

And the Lord said, Why stand you all day idle? It's the same Greek word. The same word. Why stand you all day idle? You know what they said? Because no man has hired me.

A friend of mine was going along on a railway compartment some time ago. There were three people there on the train and the one that played car. They wanted him to join in.

He very politely said, It's impossible. I haven't got my hand with me. And they looked and said, What do you mean? He said, No.

The cards I play hand with, play cards with, are idle. They're idle. These are the Lord's hands.

Now, have you got it, my friend? It may not, my friend, be your hand. Maybe it's some other part. But you've got to render all pertaining to your old life idle.

And I want to say this again. The old man, the old nature, can't operate unless you employ him. He can't operate unless you're willing to operate.

Unless someone has hired me. And the only one who can hire me, my friend, is your will. Your will.

We'll see that just in a moment. We must hurry. The body of sin might be destroyed.

Henceforth, we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed. I come three times.

Freed means justified from sin. Somebody beggars, they've been found guilty of murder. They've been found guilty.

The moment of execution arrives. You grew up, my friend, in the jail yard of Edinburgh. You see a notice on the door saying, John Brown was justified this morning at eight o'clock.

It doesn't say John Brown was hanged or executed. John Brown was justified. He's justified in the eyes of law by death.

He pays a penalty death. And he's justified. No one can accuse him.

There ain't any claim against him now. And, friend, tonight, because we are being crucified with Christ, we are completely justified. No one dare raise the accusing finger.

It's a grand thing to be a child of God. So there's something more. Verse number eight.

Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe we should also live with Him. Now, verse number nine. Here's the third thing he wants me to know.

First of all, the meaning of my baptism. Secondly, the meaning of my call. Crucifixion.

That when He died, I died. He not only died to bear away my sin, praise His name, but when He died, I died. He bore Jim Boswell.

All I am is a child of Adam away out of the reckoning of God. And God reckons by grace I am crucified with Christ. Oh, the wonder of this glorious truth.

I shudder I'm not going too fast for you. Oh, I will just wait or not the Spirit of God may reveal it to you that when the Lord died, you died. Don't try and feel dead.

Believe what God says. Believe what God says. Now, here's the third thing.

He wants to know our co-resurrection. Our co-resurrection. Verse nine.

Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more. Death and no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin.

Once in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Now, please, oh please, that is all in the reckoning of God. God sees each and every believer crucified with Christ, buried in Christ, raised in Christ, ascended in Christ, and seated in Christ now in glorious victory.

Now, that is a fact. Whether you enter into it experientially or not is another story. But this is where God sees each and every believer.

Now, my friend, that is your position as a believer in Christ Jesus. But how is it going to become a natural fact in my life? Verse 11 becomes ours. What God has reckoned by grace, He wants us now to reckon by faith.

And in verse number 11, likewise, likewise reckon yourselves be dead indeed unto sin. But alive unto God through Jesus Christ the Lord. There's a two-fold reckoning in that verse.

There's a negative and there's a positive. The negative, I reckon myself dead indeed unto sin. Positive, for the life unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And this is the only way out of Romans 7 where you are a captive into Romans 8 where you become more than a conqueror. The only way you can live in Romans 8 out of Romans 7 is through Romans 6-11. It's the bridge that brings you from Romans 7 into Romans 8 and never to go back into Romans 7. Oh my

friend, this is vital.

This is for you, dear child of God. He wants you to enter into this tonight. All this can be yours if you like allow the Spirit of God to enthrone Christ, Lord of all, in every part of your life.

Now I go back over verse number 11. The word is reckon. This is an accountant's word.

Put it to the account. Reckon upon it. To society above the clouds with gloriously converted.

Two weeks after they were saved they were really popular girls. They were invited to a dance. They sat down and they saw the body.

They read over the invitation. And then they remembered as the evangelist said to them if any question arises always go to the word of God and you get the answer. And God in His wonderful providence and grace laid in the Colossians chapter 3 where it says in Colossians 3 set your face on things above.

Then it says ye are dead. Ye are dead. And your lives are hid with Christ in God.

And those two young converts only two weeks old wrote back and said we had your invitation. We cannot come. We died two weeks ago.

And you got it, my friends. They were reckoning upon the fact that it all belonged to the old life. See what the Spirit of God did in the simplicity and honesty the Lord led them to that text.

We have died and our lives are hid with Christ in God. Oh, is this real in your life tonight? Do you know the joy of it, my friends? Now reckon you shall be dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Now know this.

You may know it. That touches your mind. And you may reckon that touches your soul.

But not know the power. Not know the power of the resurrection life. You may know it theoretically in your mind.

And your soulish aspect may say I reckon upon it. No, the reckoning in the world will never bring this power into your life until you come to verse 13. And what you know is your mind.

And what you reckon upon is your soul. Now you act upon with your will. And what verse 13 says may I read it with you.

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteous understanding. But here it is. But yield yourselves unto God.

I'm afraid so many have tried. They've come to Romans 12 once and have been pleased with their yield of life. And they've tried with all sincerity and it's never fizzed.

It's never worked. Some have come to Romans 6 and they've been knowing about it and have reckoned upon it. They say it doesn't work.

I reckon, I reckon, I believe but it doesn't work. You know why? Because they've never yielded. And my friend, you'll never get anywhere until you yield.

You never will. You've got to come to this place of yielding. It's complete commitment.

Complete surrender. The Holy Spirit can't feel what you're holding on to. He can't take control of your controlling too.

It must be unconditional, unreserved, complete commitment to Him. Are you willing for that tonight? Are you willing? Are you willing to yield? The sad thing about it is I'm finding young people in my ministry all over this great North American and other continents in the world they're entering in and all the people say, why I've known that truth all my years. All my life, I've known it for 40 years.

And they sit in carnality. They sit in carnality. Their lives are wasted.

Completely wasted. Do you know why? They're too proud. It's going to take too much out of you tonight you older Christians to get to your feet and say it's Christ and all for Christ.

Too much. It's going to touch your pride, isn't it? You've been brought up with this all your life. Richard Bennett, that dear man of God who's out in California from California, he's up there now in British Columbia with some friends of mine going to listen to him.

I pray with them, go and listen to him. They say, Jim, Jim, we've heard it all our lives. And it made me cringe inside me.

And I say, your lives are barren. Your lives are unfruitful. Your prayers are useless.

You do all theoretically but you never enter into experientially. And your lives are empty and barren. I'm not teaching a new theory here to you, old man of God.

I'm not teaching my friends some new doctrine. Darby, Stoney, Bennett, Denny, Dennett, McIntosh, Mother, Craig, Coates, all those men taught a present deliverance from the power of indwelling spirit by yielding to the indwelling spirit. And no wonder this pair of men would have power for God in those days.

And spurred to this, had they continued as they started, they would have moved the whole world. They would have moved the whole world. Where are we today? Men, my friend, and women are coming up and saying, Jim, I heard that 40 years ago and I haven't heard it since.

Young people are coming up and saying, Why? Is this something new? We've never heard it. I know many have heard it with the ear but they've never heard it with the understanding heart. They've heard it.

And by God's grace, you're hearing it again tonight. And I wonder what you're going to do about it. I will show you the path of life.

You must die. You must die. You must attend your own funeral.

Have you ever done that? Have you ever done that? Have you ever come to praise my friend? Have you ever come to praise... Are you taking God's word against your own self? Are you seeing yourself there? Are you saying, Lord, I see myself tonight dying under sin. I'm alive under God. Somebody said to George Mother years ago, Mr. Mother wasn't sick of your success.

The dear old man stood toward the ground, he said in humility, there was a moment in George Mother's life when George Mother died. He died to George Mother and to his desires and all his fences. He died to

his brethren, to their opinions and to their criticism.

And from that moment I sought to please only one man by His grace. And that man is Jesus Christ. Have you died? Does life out of death heal you? In act of your will.

Yield your members. Yield. Now, this has got to do, my friend, with Christian character.

You know it. You're writing upon it. And now act upon it.

Yield. Yield. As you the Bible says, Yield yourself, yield your members as instruments of unrighteous understanding, but yield yourself unto God.

Not your neighbor, not your brother, not your sister, not your wife. Yield yourself. I know men, and I know parents, are quite willing to yield their children, some are, to the mission field.

They're willing to yield their money, yield their service. But they'll hold back themselves. And all they're giving you is just haywood and stubble.

Haywood and stubble. Or go up in fire. Only what comes from a whole-hearted, yielded life.

The greatest dearest service you have in this near North American convent, that dear man. I had been in their assembly for eight weeks, the year before. We were having sick servants in the day, commencing at six o'clock in the morning.

That dear man would be doing surgery nearly all night. He'd come down, down to the prayer meeting and pray. He asked if I'd go back the following year.

And I said, I'll come for a bunny, I can bring Colin Anderson with me, to help in the young people's work. He said, yes, bring him. We went.

That dear surgeon, an executive in a very large firm, another dear man, asked if I'd go up with him for coffee one night after the meeting. Said, Jim, when you were here last year, we criticized you. We criticized your ministry.

We thought it was second blessing you were teaching. But he said, Jim, our wives ain't ordained. Our wives saw it and they ain't ordained.

And they knew the joy of this new life in Christ Jesus, this life and life and abundance. Their prayer life became revolutionary. Their prayer that Bible said, it became a new book to them.

And then they began leading souls through to Jesus Christ. They were listening to us preaching. They were saying, oh, beautifully constructed, beautifully put together, work perfect in your delivery, but there's no power.

No power. And they said, Jim, we still don't know. You're just a Boswellite.

You're a Boswellite. That's, we twailed our wives, you're a Boswellite. They said, Jim, we see the truth and we want to enter in.

And those men, those strong men, that neurosurgeon, that God, that man, he bowed and confessed the tears rolling down his face. That executive said, I see it all. I've been given \$65,000 a year to admissions,

mainly to Dominican Republic.

And I gloated. I rejoiced to see my name at the bottom of that check as I was sent to the Admissions Service Committee. I rejoiced.

And I said, oh, he wouldn't stutter. Oh, he wouldn't stutter. Those two men broke down in a sob-like tune that came through for Jesus Christ.

The lies are completely transformed about you. Yield yourself. Slip down to verse number 16, please.

Jesus says here, Know ye not to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey? His servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness. But God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin, that ye have obeyed from the heart that form or mold of doctrine which was delivered you. Four words I want you to get.

The first word is know. The second word, beloved, is reckon. Now you may know, and you may reckon, and not know the path.

And you never will until you yield. Until you yield. And this is a death-delivered act.

Just as definite, young people get this, just as definite as the moment you receive Christ into your heart is that moment when you stand to your very feet and you're bowing your head and you're saying, Lord, I yield. Lord, I surrender my oath. Or it may be in the Lamb's lovely hymn.

Take my love, O Lord, I pour at Thy feet as treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ever only all for Thee. Yield yourselves.

Y-I-E-L-D. Here's an acrostic for you. Yield yourselves unto God.

I, immediately, don't leave it till tomorrow because you're compromised and you won't do it. Do it right now, my friend, even now as I am speaking. Look up and do business and say, Lord, Lord, I may not understand all this means, but I know You're talking to me.

You've been talking to me all week, Lord. I can know this, Lord. And Lord, I yield.

Lord, I yield. All I am, all I have, Lord, I yield, and I yield to Thee. I do it immediately.

Then eat entirely, the whole man, all your members, your intellect, your eyes, your ears, your tongue, your hands, your feet, your intimate members, the whole man, the whole woman, boy or girl, hand it over without any reserve. Yield your members. Yield your members.

This has got to do with Christian character. And you'll never be enemies for God, do you? You never will. All your service, your Sunday school work, your Bible study, just He wouldn't stubble until you've come to recognize, my friend, all.

He must be Lord of all, or He's not Lord at all. Entirely. Lovingly.

Lovingly. The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me. Oh, my friend, our sister's sons are neither entering into that heart of love although that great heart of love is toward you tonight, toward me.

Listen again. The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me. And I take the last three words and I respond as I read them backwards and I pray from my heart, HRV, me, for, Himself, love, responding to love, love so amazing, so divine, demand, shall have my heart, my life, my all, oh, isn't He worthy of this? Isn't He worthy? Yes.

Ten thousand times, ten thousand. He alone is the worthy one. Then these, decisively, is a decision that leads to a habit.

You decide. You continue to decide. It becomes habitual to look up and say, Lord, Lord, I'm not my own.

I'm Thine. Lord, I'm Your property. Oh, have you prayed that? Dear members, terrible drunkards, God met them and God said and transformed his life.

One day, standing by one of the saloons, and there he's carrying one of those old-fashioned Singer soul machines on his shoulder, one of those treadle ones. The bartender's standing at the door and he says to him, I say, Jock, I say, man, that salvation's making you strong. He says, yes, there was a time when I couldn't carry a dime past your door.

Salvation is achieved. I say, but, Jock, are you never tempted now? Are you never tempted to come in? He says, yes, many times I am. As I pass by and the smell comes up, my old nature says, go and have a drink, Jock.

Go and have a drink. And he says, I just look up and say, Lord, look after your property. It's in danger.

And I get past all the temptations. It's simple, but is it true? Is it real in your life? Just as clear as that. Now, here's the next word, obey.

Obey. Four key words leading you in, my friend, to victorious moment by moment, day by day living. It's so vital, it's so precious.

You know. You reckon. And you yield.

Now, here's the proof. Obedience. Obedience.

My friend, if you'll love me, you'll obey my word. If you'll love me, you'll do what I tell you. And it's God's word says so.

What about believer's baptism? Have you been baptized? What about the Lord's Supper? Do you break bread upon the third day of every week? What about come up from among them and touch not the unclean? What about the verse I'm quoting you now? Heal your members as a delivered command. Another command is be being filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, these are commands going into all the world and preach the gospel.

These are commands. Time will allow me to develop them. As I close, please turn to Romans 12.

Romans 12, now I must close. And notice please here the beautiful language. May I help you now? You can't.

You may. And it won't work. If you come to Romans 12 without coming to Romans 6, it'll never work.

You've got to reckon, my friend, the sin of the death upon all the damning nature. See yourself upon that cross of the Lord Jesus. And now is one alive from the dead.

And alive from the dead. Now you come. And He says, I beseech you therefore.

Oh, look at the lovely language. How wooing He is. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God.

By the mercies. Not by the commandments, but by the mercies of God. Because you are pardoned.

Because you have been forgiven. Because you are justified and sanctified. Now by the mercies of God present your body.

This word is a different word to the word back in Romans 6 which says healed. That's got to do with character. This has got to do with conduct.

With conduct. And my friend, what happens in Romans 6, you've got to live out day by day in a practical way. Present your body.

Now let me ask you, leavening, have you ever done this? Have you ever done this? Present your body as a living sacrifice. See, now you are alive from the dead. You are alive under God as a living sacrifice.

Now you come and present your body as a living sacrifice. Holy. Holy.

Unto God. Unto God. This is not referring to God the Father.

Not to God the Son. It's referring to God the Holy Ghost. The Father doesn't need a body.

The Son has a body. But the Spirit needs your body. And He needs my body.

And He indwells you and He indwells me. He wants you to heal that body in His control. Will you? He wants you, dear Father, dear Mother, dear Sister, dear Brother, to heal that body to the Spirit's control.

Will you come and pray? Have Thine own way, Lord. Have Thine own way. Hold over my being.

Absolute sway. Hail, O Thine Spirit. So all should see Christ only, always living in me.

What does it say here in the same verse? Holy Spirit, unto God, which is your reasonable, your logical, your rational. It's complete sanity. And may I say it lovingly and sincerely with all my heart.

It's insanity not to yield. And it's insanity not to yield. Because then, see, all is done for you.

All He wants to do in you. All He wants to do through you. And just think of what you're losing by not yielding.

It's a note of insanity not for you to respond to. This is gospel to the Christian. I was down in Jamaica just a year ago.

I was opening up a new chapel there. They threw me down for this. And Harold Waters was coming along.

In fact, we had, we bathed together each morning and in the afternoon, rather. And Harold said to me, he said, Jim, the more I listen to your preaching, the more I see you'll never lose your gift as an evangelist, do

you? I said, why? He said, the more we're teaching now and the same, we're always preaching for a decision. And when I preach to the Christian, I still preach for a decision.

And I'm going to bring you to decision tonight. And you've got to decide. You've got to decide.

And look at verse number two, because you can't finish without verse two. And what does it say right here, verse number two? Be not conformed as well, be transformed. Transfigured, changed, by the renewing of your mind, you may know what is that good and perfect and acceptable will of God.

And beloved, you'll never know God's will for your life until you come to Romans 12.1. And the only way to Romans 12.2 is through Romans 12.1. As you fully surrender, you'll know God's will for your life.

---

Audio: <https://sermonindex1.b-cdn.net/9/SID9684.mp3>

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/james-k-boswell/studies-in-psalm-16-06/>

# *Grow in Your Walk with Christ*

---

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

**[www.sermonindex.net](http://www.sermonindex.net)**