

Breaking Out, In, and Through

I. The Need to Break Out, Into, and Through

A. Acceleration; Doppler effect; Resistance

[slide 1] V increases; λ shortens, A intensifies

B. Sound Barrier; the Wall; Cables v. Hydraulics; Cone of Power

[slide 2] Chuck Yeager Oct 14, 1947

[slide 3] Breakthrough

II. Gospel Review — Divine Power to Save [slide 4]

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for **it** is the power of God for salvation **to** everyone who believes, to the **Jew** first and also to the **Greek**. 17 For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed from faith **for** faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

A. Sin & Salvation

(1:18-3:20 A detour to show the need for Christ's intervention)

1. Suppressing Truth —> Denying Reality (Rom 1:18-20)

Rom. 1:18 For the **wrath of God*** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness** and unrighteousness of men,

who **by** their unrighteousness **suppress the truth.‡**

* **not** an emotion, but God's attitude toward sin.

‡ **resisting reality**

2. Denial & Consequences (Rom 1:21-22)

21 For although they knew God, they **did not honor** him as God or **give thanks** to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools. [slide 2]

Consequences of :

1. Rational Futility, Confusion

2. Dark longings — disordered desires
3. Self-deception, False identity

3. Restoration in Jesus

Rom. 3:21 But now the **righteousness of God** has been **manifested apart from the law**, ...²² **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ**....²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the **glory of God**,²⁴ and are **JUSTIFIED** by his **grace** as a **gift**, through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus.

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B. Justification – Abraham (Rom 4)

Rom 4:23 But the words “**it was counted to him**” were **not** written **for his sake alone**,²⁴ but **for ours also**. It will be **counted to us** who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord. —>

C. Redeemed to Reign in Life (Rom 5)

1. Redemption’s Riches (Rom 5:1-12)

2. Reign of Sin & Death/ God’s Gift — Grace

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as **sin came into the world through one man**, and **death through sin**, ...

Rom 5:14 Yet **death reigned** from Adam to Moses, ...

Rom 5:15 But the **free gift** is **not like** the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, **much more** have the **grace of God** and the **free gift by the grace** of that one man Jesus Christ **ABOUNDED** for many.

3. Reigning in Life

Rom 5:17 For if, **because** of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, **much more** will those who **receive the abundance of grace** and the **free gift of righteousness reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ.

III. Breakthrough into Newness

A. Dead to Sin, Alive to God (Rom 6)

Rom 5:20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, **grace** abounded all the more,²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, **grace** also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that **grace** may abound?

1. Temptation to live below His Standard

KNOW – Dead, not enslaved; Raised, set free into **NEWNESS**

2 By no means! How can we who died **to** sin still live in it?

3 Do you not **KNOW** that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

4 We were **buried** therefore **with him** by baptism **into death**, in order that, **just as Christ** was **raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in ***newness of life***. [slide 5]

Breakthrough!

(The new operating system! – able to break the barrier – cone of power – resurrection life)

6:5 For if we have been **united with him in a death** like his, we shall **certainly** be **united with him in a resurrection** like his.

KNOW [slide 6]

6 We **KNOW** that our old self was **crucified with him** in order that the **body of sin** might be **brought to nothing**, so that we would ***no longer be enslaved to sin***. [slide 7]

7 For one who has died has been ***set free* from sin***. ****justified***

9 We **KNOW** that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

CONSIDER, RECKON, COUNT [slide 8]

11 So you also ***must CONSIDER*** [reckon, count] yourselves dead to sin and ***alive to God*** in Christ Jesus.

PRESENT, YIELD [slide 9]

12 **Let not** sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

13 ***Do not present*** your members to sin ..., but ***PRESENT yourselves*** to God **as those** who have been **brought from**

- death to life**, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? **By no means!**
- 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin **have become obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, [slide 10]
- 18 and, **having been set free from sin**, have become slaves of righteousness.
- 22 But **now** that you have been **set free from sin** and have become **slaves of God**, the fruit you get leads to **sanctification** and its end, eternal life. [slide 11]
- 23 For the wages of sin is death, but **the free gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord. [slide 12]

B. Released from Law to the Spirit! NEW SYSTEM

- Rom 7:4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have **died to the law** through the body of Christ, **so that you may belong to another**, (of a different kind) to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. [slide 13]
- 6 But now we are released from the law, **having died** to that which held us captive, so that **we serve in the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code. [slide 14]
- 24 Wretched man that I am! **Who** will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.
- 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the **law of the Spirit of life** has **set you free** in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

IV. Breakthrough — Holy Spirit – Adoption as Sons

Barriers (the Wall)

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Changing Systems

The Cone of Power

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. **6** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” **7** So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.