

INTRODUCTION

1. Rm 6:11 After 148 indicative - finally an imperative. cf. Eph 1-3; 4-6
 - i. This is who you are, so this is what you do. Justified TF do.
 - ii. Unbiblical religion: this is what you must do to become justified.

1st: What Does "Consider" Mean?

1. *consider*: 1] to reason about smthg; 2] keep mental record of smthg; 3] hold a view on smthg; 4] credit to an account: impute meaning, status, value to smthg.
2. What nuance of *consider* is Rm 6:11? Think thru & define.
 - i. A financial nuance - tally up & credit to account - used in justification.
 - ii. *consider* - know facts, sum up, define - value, meaning: imagine.
3. *Consider* - interpret what is known so as to act upon what you believe to be true; what conscience judged as good; directed by what you love.

2nd: Where in Scripture is the Word "Consider" Found?

1. Vss in Romans
 - i. Rm 2:3 - Don't misinterp God's patience wh/ calls you to repent.
 - ii. In Rm 4 *imputed, credited* - Ab believed & righteousness *credited*
 - iii. Rm 8:18 Paul interps Xn suffering; financial overtone - *not worthy to be compared w/ glory*: sum up facts & judge glory of more value
 - iv. Rm 8:36 How Xns are interp'd by persecutors - as sheep for slaughter
 - v. Rm 9:8 interp sons of Ab: [Rm 4:17-18 - 4:19-21]; Hb 11:19.
 - vi. Rm 14:14 *I know* [insight]; *convinced* [persuaded, confident]; *thinks* = Grk term "convinced" [evaluative, conclusive, interp].
 - a. What is involved in *thinking* of self - intellect & conscience.
 - b. v22-23 the faith wh/ you have according to yourself hold to God"
 - 1) *Doubt* - to judge against self, so that you cannot *approve* => validate by experience. Conscience approves actions.
 - 2) Interplay of intellect, faith in Word of God, love for God & brethren; moral discernment of conscience - informs decision that issues into action: to eat or not to eat?
2. Other vss in Paul's letters - Corinthians.
 - 0i. 1C 4:1 - mislead by false apostles - need to *consider* Paul 's ministry
 - ii. 1C 13:11 - interplay of mind, conscience, affections, will - choices under girding deeds
 - a. Scripture calls us to mature, grow in Christ - eyeball Eph 4.

- 1) v11-12 - gifts - minister the Word
 - 2) v13 mature in *knowledge*; v14 not as children, but *speaking the truth in love* [v15]. Requires churchmanship [v16].
 - 3) v17-19 the thinking of Gentile; v20-24 renewed mind of Xn
 - Ob. Ptr warns - 2Ptr 3:17-18
 - iii. 2C 10:7; 2C 11:5 do not misinterp Paul by seeing superficially; thinking like Corinthians more than Xns.
3. Phil 4:6-9 connection tw/ mind & actions - v9 *practice these things*
 - i. v6 - anxiety - prayer; v7 experience *the peace of God guarding heart & mind in Christ Jesus* - surpasses understanding - "mysterious" but biblically defined.
 - ii. v8 - *dwell*= *consider*: *true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, good repute, excellence, worthy of praise* - guardrails & directives
 - iii. v9 - *things* includes influence of godly examples - Paul's example.
 - a. *learned* - how-to knowledge obtained by practice
 - b. *received* - embrace of apostolic traditions/Scripture
 - c. *heard* - *he who has ears to hear; let him hear*
 - d. *seen* - our actions often speak louder than our words.
 - e. *practice* - idea of pushing smthg thru to an endpoint - repeated, habitual pushing -> development, growth: Phil 3:13-17.
 4. Rm 6:11 we're finally told to do smthg! *Consider* - even so - More later...
 - i. Consider that *considering* is one of the most practical things we do.
 - ii. Here is what Paul tells us to do & we must do this - Rm 6:11. AMEN