



A Walk Through Romans

Free to Stop Sinning – (Rom 6)

Vertical Life Church

Introduction

- We've said that salvation is by faith alone
- We've said that salvation is for eternity
- So what does this salvation then look like?
- Paul has discussed how the consequences of our sin have been dealt with.
- Now he's going to talk about what we have to do about our sin going forward.

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- Reason: We are crucified with Christ (2-7)
 - Baptism symbolizes this spiritual truth (v3)
 - Baptism should be outward confession of weighty decision (Gal 2:20)
 - Jesus characterized discipleship this way (Mat 16:24-25; John 12:24-25)
 - We emerge to walk in newness of life (4)
 - V5 is a big “IF” – “United” means to plant and to join; innate oneness
 - United in death does not mean we experience His suffering. He bore that alone. But we experience death of the rule over our lives
 - When we actually do that, we are liberated from sin’s grip (6-7)
 - We need to die daily (Luke 9:23)

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- Dead to Sin – Alive to God (8-11) (Gal 2:20)
 - Appreciating the victory (8-9)
 - Appropriating the victory (10-11)

Deliverance from the Dominion of Sin (12-23)

- Sin, the king, is now defeated (12-14)
 - Sin is depicted as a king that ruled over us
 - But now we get to choose whether sin will rule over us (1 Cor 9:25-27)
 - Jesus warns about putting ourselves in this situation (Mat 18:8-9)
 - We overcome by “presenting” ourselves to God (13)
 - The result is that *Sin Shall Not Have Dominion Over You* (14) (John 8:34-36)

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- Sin, the master, is now deposed (15-23)
 - Question similar to v1, “Shall we sin [just a little]...”
 - Not just about being free from penalty of sin, but rather to be free from the bondage of sin
 - No freedom in a vacuum. We are either in bondage to sin or committed to righteousness.
 - “*Presenting the members of your body...*” means placing nearby our seat of desires and passions. We flirt with sin.
 - Dying to self means obedience *from the heart* to that *form of teaching*