

SALT Church

Romans 6:3-11

“Raised to Life”

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“The Greatest Book Ever Written”

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Setting the tone:

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

How does this change happen?

- How do you go from sexual sin, idol worship, adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, thievery, greediness, drunkenness, abusive towards others, and a cheater to being cleansed and made right with God?

- (\$50?) Where does the power and desire to overcome sin come from?

In our study of Romans, Paul has made it clear that where sin abounds grace abounds all the more.

- He knows his readers minds will be flooded with questions even arguments.
- So, we pick up where Pastor Devin began.

Recap

6 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?

- This is a legitimate argument.
 - There are people who believe that the more we sin the more God pours out His grace the more He is glorified.
 - Therefore, let us sin so that God be glorified.
- I will always be amazed how anyone could think this way.
 - Our sin is what nailed Jesus to the cross!

Paul wastes no time in answering his own question.

2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

- I wish Paul was here so that we could talk to him.
 - I want to double down with him.
 - I want to say loud and proud with Paul AMEN!!!
 - But I know the struggle.

- I understand the process and the time it takes to be set free from some sins.

Devin reminded me what I have said so many times over and over.

- **Focus on Jesus not on your sin.**
- **Galatians 2:19** *¹⁹ For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. **So, I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God.***
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** *¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.*
- If you are struggling with sin cry out to Him and allow Him to set you free.
- Fix your eyes on your King, Jesus.
 - **You do have the responsibility** to turn away from sin and resist the Devil.
 - **God the Father has given you** all that you need to be able to have victory over sin and Satan.
 - The Bible tells us:
 - The Father has given us a helmet of salvation,
 - The belt of truth,
 - The shield of faith,
 - Shoes that direct us to peace,

Helmets and shields are not normal everyday clothing.

- Helmets and shields are used in battle.
 - Meaning, **we must go to war with our sin.**
 - This is why Jesus said that if your eye causes you to sin to pluck it out.
 - This is why Jesus said that if your hand, “your good hand” causes you to sin to cut it off.
 - That is war language.
 - Here is what I know:
 - **We need a weapon** if we are to be successful in war.
 - The Father knows this and that is why He has given us **the weapon** that can never be defeated.
 - No weapon formed by man shall overcome it.
 - The SWORD of His Word.

Amen Pastor but, what is your point?

- **Here is my point:**

Jesus said I Am the word and the truth.

- When we focus on the word we focus on Jesus.
- ***We learn the power of the sword.***
 - We learn the power of Jesus
 - The sword of the Word can break chains
 - Set the captive free
 - Direct us in the battle against sin

- Yes, when Jesus said that He is the word and the truth He meant that the more you get to know Him through the Word the stronger you become in the battle against sin.

What does that look like Pastor?

- After Jesus set the example by being baptized in the Jordan River He was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit.
- 40 days and nights Jesus fasted and prayed.
- Then Satan came and tempted Jesus with the easy way out.
 - How did Jesus' defeat Satan?
 - With the sword of the Word.
 - With every temptation Jesus quoted scripture in response.
 - Three times Satan tried to tempt Jesus into sin and three times Jesus quoted scripture.
 - This is how the sword is used to set us free from sin and temptation.
 - We must be in the Word so that we can use the Word.

Final thought before we move on:

- The idea that a Christian can continue to live habitually in sin, is unbiblical and irrational.
- The idea that the Father has given us all this equipment to win the battle against sin ***and somehow it brings Him glory when we do not use it is a lie from the pit of Hell.***

So, back to the original question:

...how can we continue to live in sin?

- The answer is we can't, we must go to war with our sin.
- Keep in mind we are not talking about perfection.
- We are talking about living in active willful sin and not being convicted by it.

Here is what I know:

- There is no such thing as justification (salvation) without sanctification. (becoming more like Jesus)
 - Therefore, we must agree that there must be some element of holiness in every Christians life.
 - What does that mean?
 - Holy mean separated from sin.
 - God commands us to be holy like He is holy.
 - We must pursue holiness for this is a non-negotiable command from our King.

Now we move to today's text:

Romans 6:3-11

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?

- I know you think we planned the baptism service to hit right here in Romans 6 but, we didn't.
 - But the Holy Spirit did, and I am honored to be a part of what He is doing among us.

Paul reminds his readers that they had participated in a sacred public display of love and commitment.

- To be baptized is to identify with Christ our King.
 - In baptism we symbolically act out what has already happened to us the day we heard the voice of God calling us to be His own.
 - Like Paul, we recognize Jesus as Lord.
 - We confess our sins
 - Ask for forgiveness
 - Turn away from our sin
 - We die to self and live for the glory of our King.
- Everything changes on that day.
 - Yes, we still struggle with sin but here is the difference:
 - We now have the power to have victory over our sin.

Listen as Paul explains:

4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism.

- This is what baptism symbolizes.
 - This is why we immerse, when a person dies, they are completely covered (buried in the ground) and so symbolically we do the same.
 - Our forefathers did the same.

And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

- It is so important that we understand what Paul is saying here.

- Lots of people die for good and bad causes.
- Jesus died so that we could have victory over sin
 - Victory over death
 - So that we could have life, life abundantly.
 - He was raised to life by God the Father so that we could have **the confident hope of eternal life in Christ.**
 - **His resurrection is the guarantee that His sacrifice for sin was accepted by the Father.**
 - No other faith has a living hope, a living god.
 - This is what makes the child of God unique.

But Jesus is not the only one that must die for we too have a responsibility to die.

- We die to self, sin, and pride.
 - Now when we do this, we can be assured of the victory in Christ because of what He has done and not by what we have done.
 - **Because He is alive**
 - Because He is Lord of Lord and King of Kings
 - We can rest in our confident hope.

⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

- Amen Paul!!!!!!!!!!

⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives.

- Did you hear what Paul said through the power of the Holy Spirit?

- Dying to self brings the victory over sin.
- But why did you say “*might lose*” Paul?
 - Because Paul knows that even though the Christian has been given the power to destroy sin in our lives, we do not always use that power.
 - Paul knows that the things I should do, I don’t do and the things I shouldn’t do, I do. (Oh, what a wretched man I am)
 - But praise be to God the Father for His grace and mercy in my life.

Paul continues:

We are no longer slaves to sin.

- Why does he say that?
 - Because slaves can only have one master
 - The day we died to sin we died to our old master, and we came to life by submitting to our new Master Jesus Christ.

⁷For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

- In Christ we were set free from the grip of sin.
- When temptation comes (and it surely will) we now have the sword of His Word that can be used to insure our freedom that has been given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

⁸And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.

- **I dream of this day.**
- I long to see Him with my eyes.
- To kneel before Him.
- To hear His voice.
- I want this more than anything else in my life.
 - This motivates me in the difficult days.
 - This brings me great joy in the happy days.

Paul knows that there may be some doubters in the group.

- **Its okay to ask great questions but it is not okay to ignore the evidence before you.**
 - You can't deny the power of God's Word.
 - You can't deny that something happened 2025 years ago that cause the whole world to reset its calendar.
 - You can't deny the best-selling book of all time. (Bible)
 - You can't deny the countless men, women, and children who have died for this truth.
 - People do not die for lies.

So, what happened 2025 years ago?

Paul explains:

9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again.

What makes Jesus so special?

- Miracles?
- Baptism?

- His claim to being the Son of God?
 - Yes all of those things do make Him special but...
 - What is the proof that those things are true?
 - His resurrection from the dead.

But Pastor didn't Lazarus rise from the dead?

- Yes,
 - But Lazarus also died again.
 - Jesus did not.

Why does he say, "he will never die again?"

- Death has no power over Him!
- Therefore you (Christian) can never lose your salvation.
 - John 3:16 "Whosoever believes in Him will have...)
 - **Eternal life is forever, that is what eternal means!**
- Hebrews 6 reminds us that if you could lose your salvation the only way you could get it back would be for Jesus to be nailed to the cross again and that is not going to happen.
- Why?
 - Because He will never die again!

Paul continues:

Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin.

- Sometimes Paul is very difficult to understand.
 - This is not one of those times.
 - His death and resurrection have given us the power over sin.
 - All we must do is:

- have faith
- die to self
- learn how to use the Sword of God's Word
- allow God to work in our life.

But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Amen!

We close with: Galatians 2:20

²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Today we celebrate God's power over sin and death.

- **We celebrate the death of the old self.**
- **We celebrate the fact that Christ lives in us.**
- **We celebrate the Son of God who loves us and gave Himself for.**