

SERMON NOTES:

VOL 2: Part 11: Dead to Sin, Alive to God | EASTER SUNDAY

BIG Idea: Jesus didn't just rise from the dead—He raised *us* to live a new kind of life.

Application: Live as someone who is already free—not trying to earn new life, but walking in the one you've been given.

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Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Grace changes more than your status – it changes your story.

Colossians 1:13 (NLT)

¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

Grace isn't permission to stay stuck. It's the power to walk free.

Romans 6:3-5 (NLT)

³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

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

Baptism buries the old you – and raises the real you.

Romans 6:6-10 (NLT)

⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God.

The cross ended your slavery to sin. The empty tomb began your freedom in Christ.

Romans 10:11-14 (NLT)

¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

Stop striving to be someone new and start living like someone made new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

John 10:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

2 Corinthians 3:17b (NIV)

¹⁷ ...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

"The cross was sin's final move; the resurrection was God's checkmate. The game is over. Sin is forever in defeat... It is the resurrection that makes the news good news." ~ **Robert Mounce**