

The Choice Before
the Choice

“We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?” (Rom. 6:2)

“Why would you even want to live in sin any longer when you died to sin?”

*We don't serve Jesus because
obedience leads to salvation.
We serve because salvation
leads to obedience.*

“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.” (Rom. 6:8)

**Believers should “consider
themselves dead to sin, but
alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
(Rom. 6:11)**

**“sin will not rule over you,
because you are not under law,
but under grace.” (6:14)**

**“You used to be a slave to sin,”
(Rom. 6:17)**

Romans 7:1-4

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives?

Romans 7:1-4

² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him.

Romans 7:1-4

³ So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress if she marries another man.

Romans 7:1-4

⁴ So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

2 Cor. 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

We go from: Slave to Free
Slave to Child
Prisoner to Free
Orphan to Heir
Dead to Alive
Enemy to Friend

We go from: Lost to Found
Stranger to Family
Sinner to Saint
Broken to Redeemed
Guilty to Not-Guilty
Foreigner to Citizen

We go from living in the
realm of the flesh to living in
the realm of the Spirit

Romans 7:5-6

⁵ For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death.

Romans 7:5-6

⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Jeremiah 31:33

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

Romans 8:10-11

“But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:10-11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.”

To follow Jesus is to change masters

Peter says: “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” (2 Pet. 2:19)

Living as a follower of Jesus is not about choosing to sin or not to sin. It's about the choice before that choice. It's about choosing who I am going to serve. And then, my choice about sin has already been made.

Being Under Grace and Set Free from Sin

- 1) Our status changed from “realm of the flesh” to “realm of the Spirit.”

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3) It's always possible for Christians to sin, but it's not "normal" Christianity.

**So, if you think you are standing firm,
be careful that you don't fall! (1 Cor.
10:12)**

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4) A true believer is a good confessor.

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. (1 John 2:1)

**¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
(James 5:16)**

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5) A Christian who sins is still covered by grace.