

Living Out the Gospel Series

Part 2: Dying to Self & Sin

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Romans Chapter 6

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

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- 2** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
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- 4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- 5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- 6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- 7** For he that is dead is freed from sin.
- 8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
- 9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
- 10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
- 11** Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

- Let's settle this now
 - Sin is not a place to live
 - Grace is not an excuse
 - Hebrews tells us, "**10:26** For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,
27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
 - **And in 2 Peter 2:20** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.
 - Sin destroys...
 - The Christian's life
 - The Christian's relationships
 - The Christian's testimony
 - Grace Heals

- This sinner's life
- The sinner's relationships
- The sinner's testimony
- Grace Negates Sin's Death Sentence
 - **Romans 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.
 - 20** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:
 - 21** That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Grace Does not Remove Sin's Outcome in Life
 - **Galatians 6:7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
 - 8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
- Now that that is settled...let's go over it some more!

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4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

- This should be an absolute in the life of a Christian
 - When you accepted Christ's sacrifice for your sin
 - You were baptized by His Spirit
 - This means that you had die to your sinful self
 - You were buried to your sinful self
 - You were risen in Christ's Righteousness & Holiness
 - You are no longer you, **you are made new**
 - This means that any desires to be who you were before Christ **MUST** be analyzed by God's indwelling Spirit
 - If it is a sinful desire of a dead man, we reject it
 - If it is allowed for life, it will be for a life in Christ to glorify God
 - We don't choose, **God's Word and Spirit do**
- You might be thinking, "I cannot live that way"
 - You would be right, **that's the whole point**

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

- Freedom is only found when our will, our desires, our lusts are dead and in the proverbial ground.
 - This is not a freedom to be who we want, to do what we want, to live how we want
 - This is a freedom from all of that
 - My Old Man only brings death (remember our foregone conclusion?)

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- Christ did Die...
- Christ was Buried...
- Christ did Rise from the Grave Alive!
- Christ still lives
 - Christ's life gives us life
 - Just as God breathed life into Adam and made him a living soul
 - Christ's Spirit quickens our dead-to-self body
 - This is what it means, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God"
 - His Word breathes life into our dead bodies and makes us a new life in Christ

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Be like Christ...
 - Use the Word to fight temptations
 - **Matthew 4:4** "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."
 - Give your will to God the Father!
 - **Matthew 26:39** "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."
 - Give your life in love for someone else
 - **John 15:13** "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

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- If sin is an issue for you, ask yourself
 - Who is doing the living here?
 - Who is in control of my life?
 - Who is making the decisions?
 - Who/what is influencing me?
 - Who am I yielded to?
 - Why is sin so powerful in my life?
 - Where is the grace that frees me from sin's grip?

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- We choose who lives by choosing who dies

- We choose who we serve
 - Self & Sin
 - Savior & Society

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- You might say, “Well, I have struggled to die to my affections and lusts”
 - Or, “I have made my choice me for too long”
- Paul says here, “I get it...I understand you feel that it is too much or you’re too far, just turn around”
 - We use the word “Repent”
 - You were choosing one way, now choose the other
 - When we choose self and sin, righteousness will never seem like a choice
 - If we continue in this choice, death won’t be a choice
 - When we choose to serve in newness of life to do right, sin will seem like it simply is no choice

- If we continue in this choice we experience the joy of life IN Christ
- Which is a foretaste of our everlasting life!