

Resurrection Liberation

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The resurrection of Jesus changes our spiritual _____ from death to life.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us power to _____ sin.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us power to live in _____ to God.

Romans 6:1-14

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Why do we often have a tendency to resist God's authority over us but not sin's authority over us?

Read & Discuss: Romans 6:1-11

1. According to 1-11, what are the effects that result from us dying with Christ (v. 8)? Verses 4-5 tell us that believers have also been raised with Christ. What is the significance of this for us (vv. 8-11)? What are some examples of ways you see these truths playing out in your daily life?

Read & Discuss: Romans 6:12-14

2. Given the truths of verses 1-11, Paul now exhorts believers to not allow sin to reign in their lives (v. 12). What is another way you would describe what Paul means? Paul clearly views sin as a choice we make. Why is it important to view sin this way?
3. **Read Romans 6:16-18.** What does Romans 6:16 make clear about one's choice to sin? How does slavery make a good analogy for our relation to sinful disobedience or righteous obedience? What does it look like to be "obedient from the heart" (v. 17)? How have you experienced this in your life?
4. How would you put Romans 6:13 in your own words? Rather than submitting to the authority of sin (vv. 12-13), we are to present ourselves to God (v. 13b). Is this a one-time act or something repeated? Explain your answer. How would you teach a new believer to do this?
5. Paul insists that sin will not have dominion over the believer (v. 14a). His reasoning is that we are not under law but grace (v. 14b). What do you think it means to be under grace as opposed to being under law? Being under grace rather than the law might naturally lead one to conclude that we don't need to resist sin. How would you explain why the opposite is true?

Pray: Pray that we would grow in our desire to present ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and would grow in our appreciation of what it means to live under God's grace.