

Christ's Resurrection Sets Us Free from Sin's Power

Romans 6:1-14 ▪ Sunday, April 20, 2025 ▪ Ryan Wildauer

We all begin as _____ under the _____ of sin. vs. 6, 16 & John 8:34

Through faith we are _____ with the _____ and _____ of Christ. vs. 3-6

We have been _____ to walk in new life. vs. 4-14

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^[1] What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ^[2] By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ^[3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ^[4] We 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: Think about a time you felt truly "stuck" in an undesirable pattern or habit, even when you knew it wasn't good for you. What made it so difficult to break free?

Read & Discuss: Romans 6:1-14

1. Paul asks in verse 1, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?" Why might Paul have felt compelled to address this question after discussing God's abundant grace in the previous chapter? In verse 2 Paul emphatically answers, "By no means!" What reason(s) does he give in verses 3 and 4 to explain why Christians cannot continue in sin?
2. Verse 3 mentions being "baptized into Christ Jesus" and "baptized into his death." How does baptism serve to connect us to Christ's death and resurrection? What ongoing significance do you see for believers in this imagery?
3. In verse 6, Paul talks about how our "old self was crucified with [Christ] in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing." What does this "old self" represent? How does understanding the death of our "old self" impact how we view our present struggles with sin?
4. Verse 7 states, "For one who has died has been set free from sin." What kind of freedom are we given through Christ's death? In what ways might we still not be completely free from sin?
5. Paul says in verse 11 that we are to consider ourselves "dead to sin" and "alive to God in Christ Jesus." What does Paul mean by this? What are some practical ways we can actively "consider ourselves dead to sin" and intentionally "live to God." How do we deal with our failure to execute this perfectly?
6. ***Re-read verses 12-14.*** What two commands does Paul give? How should believers "present [ourselves] to God as those who have been brought from death to life" (v. 13)? How can we inspire others in our church family to obey these commands?
7. Verse 14 offers a powerful promise: "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." How does being "under grace" fundamentally change our relationship with sin and our ability to overcome it? What are some potential pitfalls in misunderstanding this statement?

Apply: What is one practical step God might be calling you to take this week to more fully live out the reality that you are no longer a slave to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus? How can this truth shape your choices and actions?

Pray: Spend time corporately thanking God for what He has done through His death and resurrection. Ask God to enable us to walk out the transforming implications of that truth in our daily choices.