



Set Free from Sin Romans 6

We can walk in newness of life when we die to sin. Romans 6:1-11

“For he who has died is freed from sin.” (v.7)

- Water baptism is a symbol of our spiritual baptism that took place at the point of our conversion. We were declared righteous and now identify with Christ’s death and resurrection, which makes us dead to sin and alive in Jesus.
- How do we die to sin?
 - **Faith in Christ.** Romans 5:1 - *“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
 - We are alive in Christ, as we always will say, not because of what we do but because of what He has done.
- How do we walk in newness of life?
 - **Pattern our life after the life of Jesus.**
“We believe that we shall also live with Him” (v.8)
 - **We consider.**
“Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus” (v.11)
 - **Consider (*logizomai*)** means to take an inventory, reason, reckon, meditate on. In the present imperative tense, it means to continually, constantly regard oneself. Continually meditate on this and apply it to your life. What does this mean for me? Who am I? How should I then live?

Sin will not reign in our lives when we are enslaved to Christ. Romans 6:12-23

“Having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.” (v.18)

How and why would I be enslaved to anything?

- There are some acts of freedom that will destroy freedom.
- We are free from the law as the rule by which we will be judged in the end, but the law is still there to guide us into living according to the ways God intended us to live. (v.15)
- You have the freedom to choose your master. Freedom is the choice between being a slave to sin or a slave to Christ. Freedom is not doing whatever you want.
 - Deuteronomy 30:14-15 - Choosing God’s ways is to choose life and prosperity over death and adversity. Choose life.
- God offers you the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. We mess this up through moralism, legalism and a cheap view of grace. (v.23)

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. How does the analogy of being a slave to Christ affect you? What do you think about that? Why do you think God uses such an intense image? Romans 6:15-22
2. How does Romans 6:11 help you to actually live with freedom from the bondage of sin? How does “considering” or meditating on this verse help us with that?
3. Ask yourself the question of Romans 6:21. What benefits did you receive from sin? What have you received from Christ?

Next Steps:

1. **“Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus” - Romans 6:11**
Spend some time considering and meditating on how you are dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus. Begin a habit by considering this every day this week.
2. **Have more questions about God and who Jesus is?** Attend the **Alpha Course** this Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center Lobby to learn more about Jesus and how He is able to set you free from sin. Learn more about the Alpha Course at calvarylife.org/alpha
3. **Find help with sins, addictions, habits and struggles** that have been difficult to overcome through ministries like Celebrate Recovery, Support Groups and Counseling. Learn more about the Care Ministries at Calvary at calvarylife.org/care