

I. Dead to Sin - Romans 6:1-7

1. Law and grace are once again the issue (**verses 1-2**)
 - some had accused him of encouraging people to sin by preaching grace
2. Shall we sin so that grace may be used? - God forbid - "by no means"

A. Two rhetorical questions:

- 1) How can we live to sin who are dead to sin?

-so sin no longer rules in our lives

Rea

-to still struggle with sin is different than that sin "rule"

- 2) Don't you know that all of us who trust Christ are also baptized into His death? (**Verses 3-4**)

Rea

B. I'm not quite sure that believers today reckon themselves to have "died" to sin - we seem to hang onto our sins, and find it unnecessary to turn them loose, or the old life (for that matter). "Receiving Jesus" is the gospel we preach - very little "dying" to it

3. They were "baptized" with Christ - into Christ

-also baptized into His death

Rea

4. "Into death" means that we have died to the old life

-a seed must fall to the ground and die

-if you would be my disciples "deny yourself" (Luke 9:23)

-our old self was "crucified" with Him (verse 6)

Rea

5. So we died "together" with Christ - and then were raised "together" with Christ (**verses 5-7**)

-a present, spiritual resurrection awaiting a future bodily resurrection

-an Easter sermon/ thing - resurrection now

6. We have been "crucified" with Christ - we "know" this (verse 6)

Rea

A. The result of which is that we are no longer ruled by sin

B. The result of which is freedom to sin

Rea

Ideas and Questions:

1. We are free from sin, so why do we still sin?

-sin's power is broken, but we still practice it

2. Spiritually

-we died

-we were raised

-we were set free

3. Compare this spiritual baptism with the teaching that we need by physically baptized

to

be saved

4. Notice two very important themes:

-baptism

-resurrection

*they are combined - almost one and the same

-so, whenever a person is baptized (physically) they are preaching this sermon

II. Alive in Christ - Romans 6:8-11

1. So, we will also live with Him (**verses 8-9**)
 - Rea -is verse 8 present, or future tense?
2. Christ cannot die again (**verses 10-11**)
 - Rea -He died this time, for us - not because He'd sinned Himself, but because He bore our sin
 - A. He died to sin
 - B. He lives to God
3. You account yourselves dead to sin - just like this
 - Rea -that answers our question about sinning continually since we are saved
 - we died to all that
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. So... discuss why we baptize seeing Baptists believe it not necessary to be saved
 2. Discuss the idea of "into"
 - into death - death
 - into Christ - life
 - then "out of" sin (idea)
 3. Jesus taught us to "die daily" - Luke 9:23
 - Paul believed he had died - Gal. 2:20
 4. I've died to the old lifestyle, and now life to a brand new one

III. Tools of Righteousness - Romans 6:12-14

1. Conclusions of Paul's doctrine (**verses 12-13**)
 - A. Don't let sin "reign"
 - Rea B. Sin may happen, but it doesn't have to "reign" - be in control
 - C. Don't let sin exercise authority
2. Sins which might "reign"
 - sexual sins
 - gluttony
 - desire for power
 - greed
3. Interesting play on the idea of "control" - in a believer's life who is in control?
 - Rea 4. Don't "offer" yourself as an entrustment of sin
 - do offer yourself as an instrument of righteousness
5. Who is doing the "offering?"
 - Rea -you are, so you have free will to offer either way
6. "Parts"
 - Rea -KJV is "members" - referring to bodily parts
7. "Offer" them to God
 - Rea -great - so we "offer" ourselves as a sacrifice... a "living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1-2)
8. Sin is no longer your master (**verse 14**)
 - we are not under the law but under grace
 - through "grace" we achieve mastery over ourselves
 - Rea -without Christ you are not "master of your fate"
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Control - before Jesus you are a slave of sin
 - after Jesus you get back "control" over your life

- so... slaves of sin (and Satan), or servants (voluntarily - with free will) of Christ
- 2. Bottom line - now you don't have to sin
 - by the power of Holy Spirit you may say "no" to sin
 - 2 Timothy 1:7 - He is a Spirit of "power, love and self-discipline"
- 3. "Yield" is the KJV word for "offer"
 - this word carries the idea of letting go to God, or Satan
 - so... who is in control? - you are (you are doing the "yielding")
- 4. Daily, this "yielding" plays out - will I yield to the prompting of Satan, or the prompting of the Holy Spirit
 - daily, will I die to myself, and give myself to God?

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