

No Longer Slaves – Romans 6:5-14

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As we continue to look at the blessings we have in Christ, we find that we are no longer slaves to sin. This passage presents us with three realities that should be causes for rejoicing. **The first is that we are...**

1. Dead To Sin vv. 5-7

V. 5 To understand this verse, we need to read **vv. 1-4**. When we are baptized by the HS and placed into the body of Christ we identify with Christ in His death. These words for baptism are passive. As Ben pointed 2wks ago, passive means it cannot be water baptism because it is not anything we do. So the baptism in view here is baptism by the HS. When we are placed into the body of Christ we are given the ability to walk in newness of life. This ability comes through having died and risen with Christ. Being united with Christ in His death means we are united also in His resurrection. 1st class condition. If we died, we will rise. **V. 6** Paul reveals here something we can know, something we can be assured of as true, as a reality in our lives. Our old man is crucified with Christ. The sinful nature that formerly enslaved us, that sin nature is dead. The body of sin has been done away with. Done away with is one word in Greek. καταργέω katargeō – *wipe out; set aside; abolish. To be inactivated – to be or become idle, inactive, inoperative, or useless.* KJV has “might be destroyed”, “done away with” is better. Our sin nature has been defeated, but it is not destroyed until we are glorified in heaven. It is inactive unless we make it active which is what Paul is talking about here. The purpose of the old man being crucified and the body of sin being done away with is so that we would no longer be slaves of sin. The ability to no longer be slaves is not from within ourselves! **V. 7** Those who die with Christ are free from sin. This freedom has a purpose and that is what Paul describes next. But first, glory with me for a second in the freedom that our identification with Christ has given! We are no longer slaves! Sin is not our master! Christ put our old man to death and sin has been done away with! We are dead to sin. **Being dead to sin means that we are...**

2. Alive To God vv. 8-11

V. 8 This “if” is an assumed reality. 1st class condition. If we died (and we did), we believe we shall live. Why? **V. 9** Christ rose from the dead. He died once and will never die again, death’s hold on Christ is broken. Dominion – κυριεύω kyrieuō *rule; dominate; be master of. To dominate (completely) – to exercise control over someone as his master.* This is what death is to those who do not know Christ. But through His death and resurrection Jesus broke the power of death! So, because we died with Him, we will also live with Him. **V. 10** He died to sin once for all, but He lives to God. Once for all – this is literally what it means. The sense is “happening on one occasion to the exclusion of all other occasions; once and never again.” Christ never has to die again. All those who place their faith in Him are the same. Christ did not break death’s dominion so that He could then do whatever He wanted. He now lives to God. **V. 11** We are to consider ourselves the same. We are dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. When you are a slave to sin, that is all you can serve. But once we are alive to God we have options! We can serve Him. This is the miracle that faith in Christ accomplishes! We who were once slaves to sin are made alive to God! We are given the ability to live for Him and serve Him! **Once we are alive to God we can be...**

3. Presented To God vv. 12-14

V. 12 Reign – rule, be king. To rule as a king or supreme ruler over a nation, or to become ruler or supreme ruler over a nation. We are not to permit sin to reign in our bodies. We choose whether Christ or sin will rule us. We are no longer slaves, now we have a choice. The body of sin was done away with, inactivated, but when we choose sin we animate the corpse of our sinful man. The consequence of letting sin reign is that we then obey sinful lusts. Whereas we had the option of obedience to Christ, when we let sin reign that option is removed and we will then obey our own sinful lusts. **V. 13** Present – *stand by. To offer, to make available or accessible; provide or furnish.* Don’t make your members available to be used as instruments of unrighteousness. What is immoral, unprincipled and disobedient =

unrighteousness. As believers our bodies, attitudes, words are not to be tools for unrighteousness. Instead we are to do the opposite. Present ourselves to God. We are alive from the dead! We are no longer slaves! We died with Christ that we might live to God! So present yourself to God! Make ourselves, the entirety of our beings, available to be used by God. The point here is that you cannot be used for both! You cannot present yourself to be a tool for unrighteousness and righteousness at the same time. Choose! As we choose we must remember [V. 14](#). Sin does not have dominion over us. Dominion – *rule; dominate; be master of. To dominate (completely) – to exercise control over someone as his master.* Before Christ, sin is our master. It dominates us completely. But now that we are no longer under the law but under grace, sin's dominion is broken! Sin only dominates us if we allow it to.

Our identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ makes us dead to sin, alive to God, and gives us the ability to present ourselves to God to be used by Him for righteousness. We are no longer slaves!

CHALLENGE: Present your members as instruments of righteousness for God's use!