

Let Us Live in Light of the Resurrection

Romans 6:1-23

1. **The _____: You Have Been Freed From Sin** (vs.1-11)

Having been saved, we are no longer slaves of sin (v.6) and are to consider ourselves as dead to sin but alive to God (v.11). Salvation in Christ has forever altered the Christian's relationship to sin. The ultimate power of sin has been broken, and its claim of ownership has been revoked (vs.6-7). As Christ was raised to newness of life, so the Christian is now able to live with Him in the newness of a life of righteousness (vs.4, 8; cf. Ja. 2:20). The changes wrought by God's justifying of a sinner by faith in Christ are both fundamental (2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 5:1; 8:1; Eph 2:1, 4-5) and pervasive (1 Cor. 6:11; Gal. 2:20).

2. **The _____: Do Not Let Sin Reign** (vs.12-18)

Since Christians are no longer enslaved to sin, we are commanded to not live as we did when sin was our master (vs.12-13a; cf. v.6). We are commanded instead to submit ourselves to God and live righteously (vs. 13b-14; cf. Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Pt. 1:13-16; 1 Jn. 2:29). The Christian is not under law, but grace, and this gives the Christian freedom to live fulfilling the Law (Rom. 13:8, 10; Gal. 5:14; 6:2; Ja. 2:8), but not to live licentiously. All people are slaves either to sin or to righteousness (v.16), and our habitual obedience to one testifies to our true allegiance (cf. Matt. 6:24; 1 John 3:6-10).

3. **The _____: You Will Be Sanctified** (vs.19-23)

Prior to being justified by faith in Christ, all men are incapable of righteous conduct (v.20; cf. Gen. 6:5). Engaging in sinful activities while enslaved to sin only culminated in death and condemnation (v.23; cf. 1 Jn. 3:4; Rev. 21:8) and these actions are unable to result in salvation or in anything righteous (cf. Deut. 27:26; Gal. 3:8-14). But now, having been justified by faith, submitting to the commands of Christ will result in sanctification (v.19). The ultimate outcome of one's faith in Christ is experiencing the fullness of eternal life in His presence (v.23; cf. Jn. 17:3). The Lord has ensured that the path on which Christian walks in submission to the commands of Christ will result in our sanctification (v.22).