

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 6

Freedom from Sin

Romans 6

What is holding you back in life?

What is a Christian's Relationship with Sin?

I. The Relationship between Sin and the Christian

Paul's Theological Question - Since we have been blessed with Grace, should we still have to obey God?

A. Death and the Resurrection Illustrated through Baptism (6:1-10)

Died to sin so that we can live a new life with God.

1. Sin cannot dominate a Christian's life.

Results of Dying with Christ - Verse 6-7 - The result of dying to sin is that we are no longer dominated by sin.

2. A Christian lives for God. (Represents the resurrection)

Results of being raised with Christ – verse 8-10 - Death no longer has power over Christ, therefore Death no longer has power over us.

B. Putting our New Status into Action (6:11-14)

1. Effort is required to not let sin reign in your life.

2. Purpose is to please God, not ourselves.

3. God has given you Freedom from sin, because of his Grace.

Sidebar - Beliefs surrounding Baptism:

- Baptism is required for Salvation.
- Baptism is symbolic of Salvation that we do out of obedience and as a witness.
- Baptism is an important part of the conversion experience. (Faith, Repentance, Holy Spirit and water Baptism.)

If Paul was asked about an unbaptized believer, he would respond that person is saved, but why in the world is this person not Baptized?

II. Become What You Are (6:15-23)

Theological Question – Since salvation does not come from the law, is it okay to disobey the law? (Therefore sin.)

A. You are a slave to righteousness – Notice that Paul does not say that you have a choice between sin and righteousness. He said God has already set you free from Sin and that you are a slave of righteousness.

B. Slaves to Sin vs Slaves of God

Before you became a Christian:

Status – slaves of sin, free from righteousness

Result - Fruit bringing shame

Outcome – Death

After you became a Christian

Status – free from sin, Slaves of God

Result – fruit bringing sanctification

Outcome – Life

V23 – Don't forget what it would be like to live life without Christ!

Age old Question to ask.

Do we totally rely on God to not sin based on what he has done for us? Or do we have to work and give effort to overcome sin in our life?

You have a new identity in Christ. This is who you are.... Now you have to work to become what you are.