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I Really Want To Change...So, Help Me God

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I can never be different unless I believe with all my heart that the power of sin has been broken in my life--that I am dead to the power of sin because of my relationship with Christ.

I. As Christians, we are _____ to sin.

Romans 6:1-14 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

What "dead to sin" does not mean:

A. Dead to sin does **NOT** mean I am _____.

1 John 1:8-10 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

B. Dead to sin does **NOT** mean our old nature is _____.

James 1:14 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

1. The old nature is our _____ to sin, the part of us that wants to sin and fights the part of us that wants to do right. If the old nature was gone, God wouldn't have taught us through Paul that we needed to "put off the old man".

Ephesians 4:22-25 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

2. So the old nature remains and we still _____ with the flesh.

Romans 7:15 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

C. Dead to sin is not a **VAGUE** identification with Christ.

1. Christ's death freed us from the _____ of sin (death), while
2. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit frees us from the _____ of sin (life eternal).

II. Why being dead to sin is foundational.

A. God's Grace _____ it. Christ in you is not a reason to sin, but the power not to sin.

B. Christ's Victory _____ it.

Romans 6:3-5 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

God doesn't just want to _____ us, He wants to _____ us.

He doesn't want us to only identified with his **DEATH** for our cleansing, but also with His **RESURRECTION** for our victory!

C. My Experience _____ it.

Consider the list we went through in chapter 3, what things on that list have you overcome over time? Its a zero now, but at some point it was a 5 or 7 or 10.

SELF-REFLECTION

Have you seen a tendency in your own life to abuse the grace of God? Sin-confess, sin again- confess again?

How would your attitude change if you really believed that victory over sin was possible for you this week?