

Resurrection Sunday  
Romans 6:6-14

Learning How to Die  
and Live in Christ



# Introduction

- Resurrection Sunday is a great holiday to celebrate the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ
  - Hebrews 2:14–15
  - 1 John 5:19–21
- In a world gone mad in an attempt to destroy all that is rooted in Jesus Christ and biblical justice in the name of social justice, we are not to fear, but be resolved

# Every follower of Jesus died with Christ (6:6-7)

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin.

- ▶ For every born-again follower of Jesus, the old has gone and the new has come
- ▶ “old self was crucified with him” – we were dead in sin through Adam and by gospel grace our “old self” died on the cross with Christ
  - ▶ Galatians 2:19b-20
- ▶ “that the body of sin might be brought to nothing” – our natural unregenerate self, naturally given to sin and selfishness is **rendered powerless**
- ▶ “so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin” – gospel grace in Christ releases us from the enslaving grip and tyranny of characteristic selfishness and sinfulness
  - ▶ This is the freedom Jesus promised
  - ▶ John 8:36
- ▶ The result of our death with Christ is our **justification** before God in Christ
- ▶ Entering the substitutionary death of Christ at His crucifixion appeases the righteous wrath of God that stands against us
  - ▶ His death for sin become our death to sin and freedom from condemnation
  - ▶ Romans 8:1-2

# Christians live in resurrection power with Christ (6:8-10)

- ▶ *“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.”* – we are united in both the death and resurrection of Christ
  - ▶ There are more and better things to come for us in eternity
  - ▶ 2 Corinthians 4:14
- ▶ This does not mean the benefits of Christ's resurrection have no influence on us now
  - ▶ The power of Christ's resurrection positively impacts the believer's life now
  - ▶ 1 John 3:2-3
  - ▶ What you and I look forward to has a huge impact on how we live
- ▶ *“We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again...”* – the victory of Christ's resurrection brought death to a place of powerlessness (not like Lazarus)
- ▶ *“...death no longer has dominion over him.”* – submitting to the will of His Father, Jesus took on flesh and blood, and became a sin offering for the people of God
  - ▶ Though he died as a sin-bearer, His sinless life and the power of God guaranteed His victory over sin, death, and hell
  - ▶ Romans 1:4

# Christians live in resurrection power with Christ (6:8-10)

- *“For the death he died he died to sin...”*
  - Jesus did not die a sinner
  - He died a sinless man and atoning sacrifice for the sins of those whom God chose from Adam’s helpless race
- *“... once for all...”* – The death of Jesus is all-sufficient for the depth of every believer’s depravity
  - Every sinful thought, attitude, motivation and action are paid for by His death
  - 1 Peter 2:24–25
  - No sinner is beyond the reach of His grace
- *“...but the life he lives he lives to God.”* – In a glorified resurrection body, Jesus now lives in unhindered connection to life for the glory of God and the good of God’s people
- We are transferred from the reign of sin and death to the reign of righteousness and life

# Realization our potential under the reign of grace (6:11-14)

- ▶ **Christians are to be thoughtful about their death to sin and life unto God (6:11)** - <sup>11</sup> *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus*
  - ▶ Freedom from sin and new life under the rule and reign of God, demands a change in the way followers of Jesus think
  - ▶ Christians need to prayerfully and consciously affirm their death to sin and their new life to God
  - ▶ We are now free from slavery to sin, and we need to **think about** what it means practically to live as those who are *alive to God in Christ Jesus*
- ▶ **Christians should be practically resolved in their death to sin and life unto God (6:12-13)** - <sup>12</sup> *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.* <sup>13</sup> *Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.*
  - ▶ Believers take action based on their new situation of being free and empowered by Jesus Christ
  - ▶ “...members...instruments...” – not only our physical human properties, but all capacities and abilities—physical, mental, emotional, volitional—turn from unrighteousness to righteousness
  - ▶ We present our actions and desires to God in righteousness, and no longer allow sin and unrighteousness flourish or reign
  - ▶ Serving God is an active engagement we are empowered to perform, not a passive and thoughtless surrender
    - ▶ Philippians 2:12-13

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- ▶ **Christians have been brought from the realm of law to the realm of grace (6:14) - <sup>14</sup>**  
*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*
  - ▶ What a glorious truth Paul speaks here—“...*sin will have no dominion over you...*”
  - ▶ The way we think and the way we feel changes
  - ▶ We are free from the clutches of wicked selfishness and gripped by the power of God-glorifying righteousness
  - ▶ “...*since you are not under law but under grace.*” – We are no longer under the rule and reign of the law, but we are under the rule and reign of grace
  - ▶ God’s grace illuminates the Savior and empowers those He delivers

# Questions to Consider

- ▶ How are you seeing the glory of your death with Christ?
- ▶ How are you seeing the glory of resurrection power in Christ in your life?
- ▶ How do you need to see the glory of resurrection power in your life?

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