Free Romans 6

1. Facts to know.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. - Romans 6:1-5

The old sinful me is dead.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— *because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

- Romans 6:6-7

The new me is alive in God.

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. - Romans 6:9

2. A decision to be made.

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. - Romans 6:11-14

The old you;

Gave your mouth to rage.

Gave your eye to lust

Gave your heart to entitlement.

The new you:

Has a mouth of encouragement.

Has eyes of hope.

Has a heart of serving.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23

3. A life to be lived.

Application

- 1) What does baptism symbolize? (see Romans 6:1-4) What role does this play in breaking free from sin? Describe your baptism experience and its personal significance.
- 2) Would you describe yourself, as a saved sinner or a sometimes sinning saint? What is the difference and is it important? (see Romans 6:5-10)
- 3) Have you ever told your former, sinful, dead self to "LEAVE NOW AND NEVER COME BACK"? Is there any reason why you wouldn't want to do this?
- 4) Reflect on your own experience with the "wages of sin." Reflect on your own experience with the "gift of God." In what ways were the experiences different?

Memory Verse

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