

COMING UP ... JUNE 9 Romans 7 JUNE 16 Romans 8 JUNE 23 Joshua part 2 JUNE 30 Judges part 1

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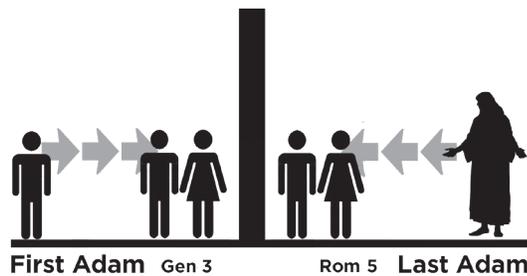
ROMANS 5-8

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TWO LANDS/TWO MINDSETS

"EGYPT"	"THE PROMISED LAND"
A sinner	A saint and a son/daughter
God's acceptance is conditional	God's acceptance is full, complete and forever
The "do" of ceaseless works	The "done" of grace
Self-effort	Done through Holy Spirit
Difficulties, hardships and suffering must be God's punishment	Difficulties, hardships and suffering are God's tools to transform
Try harder/performance	Our effort (His + mine)

JUSTIFICATION MEANS A NEW FAMILY



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How do I overcome deliberate sin? (Rom 6)
The issue of license (v. 1)
"May it never be!"
A more colloquial expression ...

OVERVIEW OF ROMANS 5-8

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LESSON THEME: How do I stop doing what I know I shouldn't be doing?

Deliberate Sin

"If my future with God is so certain and secure, then I can live as I want to – obeying God only if and when I feel like it."

Believers *should not* think that way about grace

Believers *cannot* think that way about grace

God has made us partakers of His power over Sin, and that power should increasingly reveal itself through a lifestyle of righteousness and holiness

Ongoing sin is *inadmissible* in a Christian's life

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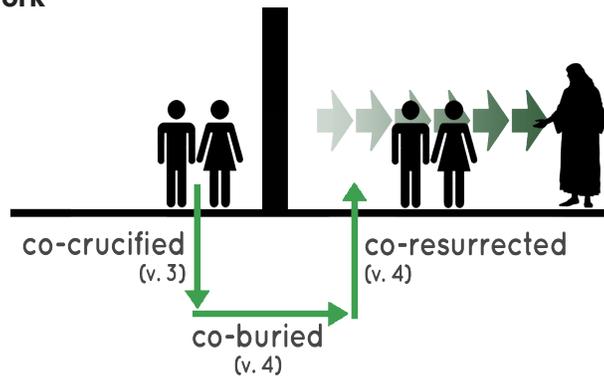
Because they have been united with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection (vv. 1-10)

They have been set free (v. 11)

They are partakers of His new power (vv. 12-14)

You are no longer who you used to be!

New Life And New Power At Work



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No one can serve two masters (Matthew 6:24)

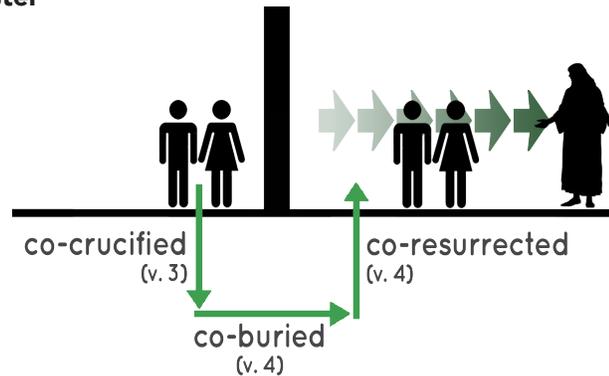
Their new Master, Jesus, loves them and only wants their good

While they are not all they will one day become, they are no longer who they were!

"SIN"	"GRACE"
Owner: Satan	Owner: God
Ruler: Sin	Ruler: Grace/Jesus Christ
Us: sons of Adam	Us: sons of God
Power: sin exercised its authority and power over us as Adam's children	Power: no longer under the authority and power of sin, but under grace

Led us to commit sins		Leads us to obedience
Led to spiritual death and separation from God		Leads to Christ, righteousness and holiness

New Life/New Power/New Master



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The death Christ died, He died to sin; the life Christ lives, He lives to God

Through union with Jesus Christ the justified are partakers of His power over Sin, and they should now live to God

Application: As a result, in the "Promised Land" I won't be SINLESS ... but I can SIN LESS

Daily Learning To Sin Less

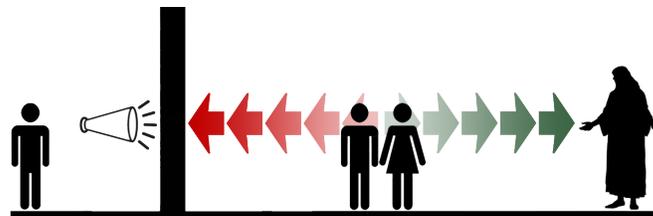
Remember: though Sin is dead to us, we are not yet dead to sin!

Sin still calls to us over the wall; it still promises us life and enjoyment (it lies!)

But God has made us partakers of His power over Sin, and that power should increasingly reveal itself through a lifestyle of righteousness and holiness

This is His expectation

Move Away From The Wall!



Learning To Sin Less

Transforming the heart begins in the mind (Romans 12:1-2)

My mind: I am "to know" (6:1-10)

I am no longer who I was; now united w/ Christ

My will: I am "to reckon" (6:11)

I must trust God's Word more than ...

My actions: I am "to yield" (6:12-23)

I no longer serve Sin as ruler; I now serve Jesus

Let's Make This Monday Morning

WWJWD?

WWJD: "What would Jesus do?"

WWJWD: "What would Jesus want me to do here?" That's in the Bible!

What do I need to know?

What do I need to reckon, count on?

What do I need to yield?

I need to remember who I am and Whose I am; I need to summon up the Word to my mind in order to apply the Truth to the situation; and then I need to act in faith in accordance with that Truth.

Make this a habit and through His mighty power at work within you, you will sin less

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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