

Living the New Life

Romans 6:1-14

Watch 2 balls...

Superabounding grace and complete obedience

Context

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more." Romans 5:20
So why not just "live in grace"?



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1-4:

We were buried with Him In order that we too may live a new life

5-7:

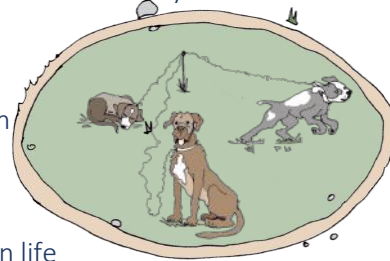
We should no longer be slaves to sin

8-10:

Jesus' death was decisive and final in life
Jesus' life is unstoppable and glorious

11-14:

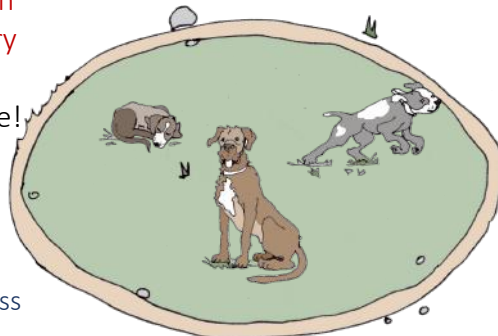
In the same way,
count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus



The Big Idea

Christ's death & resurrection
have destroyed sin's mastery
over every true Christian

So...live out that promise!
Sin masters people...
by ugly things
by pretty things
by invisible things
by things made powerless



← Rule by sin

Ruled by grace →

What are we to do?

Embrace by faith our new identity: Christ's death and resurrection

➤ Consider yourself dead to sin by Christ's death

➤ Consider yourself alive to God by Christ' life

"offer every part of yourself to God as an instrument of righteousness"

Christ transforms all of His people

It is not automatic. It is not on our schedule

Yet it is **unstoppable** for all true believers

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...his incomparably great power for us who believe." Ephesians 1:18-21

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. In what part of life have you been longing that sin's mastery would be destroyed? Which picture and which dog is a picture of you today?
2. How has Christ's death and resurrection destroyed sin's mastery over every true Christian?
3. How does this promise of freedom from sin's mastery affect your heart?
4. What does it look like to consider ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus?
5. Have you experienced this power of Jesus? How?
6. Have you been baptized? If not, will you consider it?
See <https://www.crosswaymchurch.org/glossary/baptism/>

Conversation starters this week

Christians claim that Jesus Christ truly died and was buried, and then on the third day, He was raised to life, never to die again.
Does it matter to you whether or not that is true? Why or why not?