

Are You Really Free?

Romans 6:11-14

I. Consider Yourself Dead to Sin but Alive to God (v. 11)

- A. We _____ that Christ was raised (Rom. 6:3, 6, 9, Hos. 4:6; Col. 3:9-10)
- B. Therefore we _____ ourselves to be in Christ Jesus (Rom. 4:3, 5; Jn. 10:10)

II. Cut Out Any Allegiance to Sin and Consecrate the Members of Your Body to God (vv. 12-13)

- A. The Battleground
1. There is a kingly _____ or reign
 2. There is a _____ to this throne
 3. There is a _____ under attack
 4. There are _____ in the castle who may rebel
 5. There is the _____ of incremental surrender

6. There are _____ which may be used by the enemy (Jn. 18:3; Rom. 3:12; 2 Cor. 6:7; 10:4)

7. There is a true _____

B. The Raging Battle

1. God is the _____ of the castle (Rom. 6:4; Psa. 24:7-8)
2. The enemy is _____ in his attack (Heb. 11:25; Eph. 4:22; 1 Pet. 1:14-15; 2:11; Jms. 3:5-8)
3. You must _____ the enemy and _____ him (Rom. 7:18, 22-23; 12:1)

III. Continue Living a Victorious Life by Grace (v. 14)

- A. _____ has no dominion (Rom. 5:20; Gal. 3:24; 1 Cor. 15:56-57)
- B. _____ has dominion (Rom. 5:20-21; Phil. 2:12-13)

TAKE HOME:

- How is your _____ going against sin?
- What _____ in your life have been taken hostage?
- How is _____ a bigger motivator for you than the fear of failure?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Romans 6:11. Why is it so important to know that Christ was raised? How is this more than just head knowledge? What does knowing lead to? (Rom. 6:3, 6, 9, Hos. 4:6; Col. 3:9-10)
2. How does knowing lead to considering yourself dead to sin and alive to God? How does this play out in your life? (Rom. 4:3, 5; Jn. 10:10)
3. Read Romans 6:12-13. Discuss the seven observations given about the battleground. How was this helpful to you? Where else do we see the term weapons used and why does that matter? (Jn. 18:3; Rom. 3:12; 2 Cor. 6:7; 10:4)
4. Why is it important to recognize that God is truly the king of the castle? (Rom. 6:4; Psa. 24:7-8)
5. How is it exactly that the enemy is sneaky in his attack? (Heb. 11:25; Eph. 4:22; 1 Pet. 1:14-15; 2:11; Jms. 3:5-8)
6. How do you locate and destroy the enemy? (Rom. 7:18, 22-23; 12:1)
7. Why does sin no longer have dominion over you? (Rom. 5:20; Gal. 3:24; 1 Cor. 15:56-57)
8. In what way does grace now have dominion in your life? (Rom. 5:20-21; Phil. 2:12-13)
9. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How do you plan to live differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

"It is not restraint but inspiration that liberates from sin; not Mount Sinai but Mount Calvary which makes saints."

- James Denney, *St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans*