

Freed From Sin

Rom 6:6-14 (KJV)

It's A Matter of Faith

Know

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. The creature that we were before faith in Christ was totally and completely sold out to sin. We were slaves to sin and we always and only did what it commanded us to do. That creature was crucified with Christ, and being dead no longer has any connection with sin. Therefore sin no longer has a creature to command and we no longer have to blindly follow sin's instructions. God through Christ killed the "old man" for us, but it is up to us to bury him. *Eph 4:22 (KJV) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; Col 3:9 (KJV) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.* Now, being dead with Christ we will at some point in the future be raised to be alive with Christ. Christ died only once to sin, and since we died with Him we too die once to sin. Death has no dominion over Christ anymore and sin no longer has dominion over us. Now, Christ is forever alive unto God. In the same way we should count ourselves dead, once and for all to sin, and forever alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. This is a matter of faith. We are justified by faith and we are sanctified by faith as well. *Rom 1:17 (KJV) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

Reckon

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed G3303; "in fact. **unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** *Reckon* is an accounting term. It means to calculate. The idea is to calculate in order to apply to the account. We can understand this if we think about our checking account. You don't see the money in your account, nor hold it in your hand, but you reckon it to be there. So by faith in what you reckon to be true you write a check believing to have sufficient funds to cover the amount. In the same way by faith you and I are to reckon that Christ's death and resurrection are sufficient funds for us to say no to sin and yes to God.

Stop

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Our mortal body still carries the effects of the sin nature that we once possessed. Our mind and body remember the bad habits and way of life that sin bid us do, and they still want to do them. However, we are commanded to stop allowing sin to continually be ruling our mortal body. **13 Neither yield** G3936 *to stand beside.* In the present tense in the Greek and denotes a continuous or repeated action. Appears 8 times in Romans and 5 of those times are in chapter 6. YLT translates this word as present, as does the KJV in *Rom 12:1 (KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:* We are to stop continually or repeatedly presenting the members of our mortal body to sin.

Start

but yield G3936, the same word as above but in the Aorist tense in the Greek indicating a simple one time act. **yourself unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.** Then we are to once and for all yield ourselves unto God and our members to righteousness unto God. **14 For sin shall not have dominion over** The phrase *have dominion over* is G2961 that means *rule*. It finds its root in G2962 which means *supreme authority, lord*. G2961 is translated as lord, lords, and lordship in other New Testament verses. In fact YLT translates it as lordship in this verse. *Romans 6:14 (YLT) for sin over you shall not have lordship, for ye are not under law, but under grace.* As believers sin isn't our lord anymore, Jesus Christ is our Lord. **you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.** Remember that the Law gives power to sin. *Rom 5:20-21 (KJV) Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: But, grace is more powerful than sin for it gives power to righteousness. 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. 1Co 15:56 (KJV) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.*