# LIVING IN Conquering Sin in a Polluted World

Series: Living in Victory Title: Dead to Sin, Alive to God Lesson: 2 **Text:** Rom. 6:8–14 **Date:** July 13, 2025

## Can you answer why grace is enough to prevent sin?

I. Union with Christ means we share in both His \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Rom. 6:8–11</u> – Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup>knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. <sup>10</sup>For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- Some careful Christology:
  - Christ was resurrected (not '\_\_\_\_\_').
  - He died to sin once and for all.

What does it mean that He 'died to sin'?

Even though Christ wasn't under the *power* of sin (i.e., never sinned; cf. Heb. 4:15), He subjected Himself to the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

<u>Rom. 8:20–21</u> – For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (cf. Heb. 2:14–18)

Our hope is in the fact that Christ was resurrected free from the curse to an \_\_\_\_\_ body!

• The first imperative in Romans

- Logizomai –
- If we are united to Christ, and He is dead to sin and alive to God, then we should be too!

II. ....So we have both the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the

\_\_\_\_\_to reject the temptation to sin.

<u>Rom. 6:12–14</u> – Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, <sup>13</sup>and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

• We are not to allow sin to \_\_\_\_\_.

Basilevo –

Specifically not in our mortal \_\_\_\_\_

Until we experience resurrection, what comes naturally to us is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- We need stop using our bodies for unrighteousness and instead use them for righteousness.
  - This is an illustration of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - Hoplon –

### Does Paul teach dualism?

- Our \_\_\_\_\_\_ nature was part of God's "very good" Creation (cf. Gen. 1–2), so it is not *inherently* evil, even if it's been corrupted by sin.
- It will be redeemed through our resurrection into part of our existence.

### What we \_\_\_\_\_ matters to God, not just what we believe!

- The summary: Sin shall not be \_\_\_\_\_ over you.
  - Since sin will no longer rule us one day, we should stop giving it room now!
  - We know it because we are no longer under law but under grace.

<u>Rom. 5:20–21</u> – The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace frees us and enables us to live eternally in righteousness!

#### What do we do with this text?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

a. We are no longer dead *in* sin; we are dead *to* sin.

<u>Eph. 2:1–3</u> – And you were **dead in your trespasses and sins**, <sup>2</sup>in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup>Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

b. Reminding people in church to stop sinning is a refrain throughout the New Testament.

<u>Col. 3:5–10</u> – Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. <sup>6</sup>For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

Cf. Rom. 13:13–14; Gal. 5:16–21; 1 Cor. 6:9–11

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Can you answer why grace is enough to prevent sin?
- 2. What's the difference (theologically) between 'resurrection' and 'resuscitation'? Why is this so important for us?
- 3. How does considering yourself dead to sin affect your attitude toward it?
- 4. How might you be tolerating sin in your life? How do you need think differently, and what do you need to do differently to put it to death?





**Blanks:** death, life, resuscitated, curse, ability, obligation, reign, body, sin, repentance, physical, eternal, master, STOP SINNING