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Romans 6:12-14



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THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION

Don't Let Sin Reign

Romans 6:12-14

“¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

Review

Sin is *dead* and *alive* for a Christian. How can this be and what should we do about it?

1. The Power of Permission

Sin: a deposed king who wants your permission to rule you.

Your Permissions Will Enthroned Tyrants.

Your Permissions Will Plunder Your Goods.

Your Permissions Will Turn You Into Accomplices.

2. The Power of Presentation

In the Right Way.

To the Right God.

From the Right Kingdom.

As the Right Members.

Discussion Questions

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Getting Started – Sin is personified in our passage as a toppled king trying to get back his power over us. Name as many kings you can think of. Look up to see how authoritarian and repressive they were or weren't.

Digging Deeper (*Read Romans 6:12-14*)

1. Compare verses 11&12. Last week we learned that though you died to sin in the essential part of you, until you go to be with Jesus, sin is alive in your mortal body. Review the discussion last week and share any more thoughts you've had since then?
2. Verse 12 says we don't have to let sin rule us. Sometimes sin will make us think we have no other choice but to give in. Look at 1 Corinthians 10:13. How would your group explain this passage (and Romans 6:12) to a new Christian struggling with a sinful habit *in a practical way that empowers change*?
3. Sin will try to get back its power over us through *what we permit in our lives*. Read Genesis 4:3-11 and discuss how this happened in Cain's life. What lessons can we take away from Cain's story?
4. Verse 12 speaks of sin trying to reign over you through your body's "passions." Often these passions are good desires that sin twists into lusts. Give some examples of how sin ruins good desires and twists them into lusts.
5. Instead of presenting your members to sin, verse 13 tells us to present them to God. Look up what the words "present" and "instruments" mean.* How do these definitions help with understanding what verse 13 is telling us to do?
6. Pastor Jake made the following observations about what it might mean to present ourselves to the true king. Discuss any you remember and where you see the ideas in verses 12-14.
 - Presenting ourselves to the rightful king does not mean giving him permission. It means submitting to his sovereignty.
 - Presenting ourselves to the rightful king always results in moral transformation, just like presenting ourselves to false kings always results in spiritual deformity (cf. Psalm 115:1-8).
 - To present ourselves to the rightful king, we must be convinced he has brought us into his kingdom and that we can't be under sin's domain any longer.
 - To present our members in the right way to the rightful king, we must understand whose members we really are (cf., 1 Cor. 6:13-18).

Making it Real

Ask God to reveal to you where you might have given permission to sin in your life. Present yourself to God in prayer as those alive from the dead, and your bodies as instruments of King Jesus.

Resources

Romans: *Righteousness from Heaven* | R. Kent Hughes.

*www.blueletterbible.org

www.preceptaustin.org