Administering The Lord's Supper, Romans 6:6, No Longer Enslaved

"...We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin." Romans 6:6

After Paul explained back in chapter 5 of Romans how grace abounds and grace reigns, then in Romans 6, Paul had to answer the type of question that might be raised. Why shouldn't we sin as much as we care to sin? Paul answered with a sharp no, we cannot live that way. Why not? Because our old self was crucified with Christ.

What happened for us is grounded in what happened to Christ.

Our old self was crucified with Him. He died, under the power of sin, because he was our substitute.

As a result, the body of sin was brought to nothing. Sin does not have an influence over us.

The consequence is that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. Sin is not the lord of our lives anymore. We don't have to sin.

We also don't want to sin.

As Romans 6:11 says, we "...must consider..." ourselves dead to sin.

In Christ, we have made a definitive break with the power of sin.

Sin is not our master, because we are under the grace of God.

Eating the bread and drinking the cup are God's signs of grace.

Christ is our master. Eat and drink with the confidence of being alive to God in Christ Jesus.