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Introduction:

As a student in Peru, Pastor Gardner asked me to help explain this verse "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." I defined "might be" as optional and occasional. As something I was responsible for. I needed to define it this way. I felt it being defined any other way would put my salvation into question. He then took me by the arms and had me wave them up and down. After he let go I was free to stop. I was free to keep on swinging but I wanted to stop and I did. I remember losing control that day and finding freedom.

As we enter **Romans 6**, we are taking up one of the greatest issues in the Christian life. And that means one of the greatest issues in life, period.

He knew that Romans 3:28 would cause issues from some. So he brings it up. Come on if God likes to forgive and grace is good.. then let me help him out and let His grace abound. You would have to be a human to think like that.

Answer: No, dead people don't continue on sinning.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

We do not and cannot have two masters.

I.Know

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A.What are these doctrinal truths.

1.As Adam plunged us into death.

- a) Continue in sin - meaning up until the point of receiving grace we had been walking in it. (v.1)
- b) We died to the sin we once lived in. (v.2)
- c) In our lives DEATH had REIGNED but not their is a NEW KING IN TOWN. He brought LIFE. **Romans 5:17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

2. Christ promises us life.

- a)That the believer is one with Christ.
- b) When He died, we died. **6:5,6**
- c) When He was buried, we were buried.
- d) When He rose, we rose. **6:4**
- e) As He walks in newness of life, so we walk in newness of life.

3. I am new!

- a) I am no longer under tyranny
- b) Old man is put off **Col. 3:8**
But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- c) We do not have to fall prey to sin.

d) The STRINGS HAVE BEEN CUT (Illustration)

B. This knowledge is so important.

1. Destroyed by lack of knowledge in Hosea. **Hosea 4:6**

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

2. We are taught to THINK. **Phill. 4:8**

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

3. This new man is renewed in knowledge. **Col. 3:9,10**

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

a) You cannot live out what you do not know.

b) We are growing in this knowledge. **2 Peter 3:18**

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

c) We commanded to become in practice what we have become in Christ. **6:11,13**

II. Reckon (v.11)

11 Likewise **reckon** ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. **12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

A. In "likewise" manner. With all the truth we have learned in the first 10 verses lets hold on to them and continue to the next truth.

B. Our "duty" is always founded on doctrine. What we believe should and will effect our behavior.

C. Deals with the Heart

1. "Know" dealt with the mind.

2. Reckon: Conclude, affirm, believe all these truths.

D. Why is it hard for us to believe I am not a victim of the old nature?

a) You have never been taught this truth. You have been taught it is addition. The old man gets a roommate called then new man.

b) Satan does not want you to believe this. Satan is the "accuser of the brethren".

c) Basically the recreation God has done in you is non-experiential. There was not a real death, burial, and resurrection. It requires faith. We can't see it.

d) The conflict with sin in us makes us wonder how this could be true. Paul speaks about this. There is a real battle with sin that we often lose.

2. How are we going to believe it when it doesn't see possible, by faith.

a) Same way Abraham believed God.

b) Same way Noah believed it as he built the Ark.

c) Want to be frustrated? Believe you are self centered, depraved sinner that is supposed to produce holiness with his life.

d) I never have to sin. The tyrant is dead.

e) ILL: Story of the my grandfather at the end of the war!! Hiding under a bus with a gun.

E. What does it mean?

1. Sin cannot take you back from God. (v.9-10) One death provided the payment for the one penalty! We are not FINDING VICTORY we are reckoning the fact that VICTORY HAS ALREADY BEEN SECURED for us.
2. That at death's door we can have joy knowing we faced death through the death of Jesus Christ.
3. We have confidence in temptation. There has "no" temptation where there is no escape. (Ill: - In the Polynesian)
4. ALL this is possible because we are IN CHRIST.

F. The basic facts have been presented; we believe and know them as facts (v. 8, 9), and Paul has told us how, in view of them, we must look at ourselves (v. 11).

G. Only that which you TRULY BELIEVE moves you to action...

1. Hide it in our hearts. **Ps 119.11** "Thy word have I hid in my HEART...(not just mentally knowing it but emotionally believing it)...that I might not sin against thee"
2. What is ON your heart will FILL your mind. **Joshua 1:8** "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but THOU SHALT MEDITATE THEREIN day and night, (that's getting it from your head to your heart) that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein..."

III. Yield

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves** unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. **14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

A. Know - Mind, Reckon - Heart, Yield - The will.

B. NEITHER YIELD- we are dead and we know it -- don't let sin reign.

C. Yield to the REAL YOU

1. **I Peter 2:9-11** Chosen generation - ABSTAIN from fleshly lusts.
2. **9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people;** that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you **out of darkness into his marvellous light;** **10** Which in time past were **not a people, but are now the people of God:** which had not obtained mercy, but now have **obtained mercy.** **11** Dearly beloved, I **beseech** you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**
3. **Illustration: Riding with Chris trying to figure out who had the "right of way". Chris said "the mack truck always has the right of way".**
4. Romans 6 - Don't let sin reign in your mortal body. The real you. The real self is holy name YIELD to this truth!

5. Romans 7:17 - It is no longer I do this. Who is it? Sin that dwells in me.
Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
6. As one my friends puts it. "I once chased after sin. Now sin chases after me. Jesus completely changed the story of my life!"

D. Yield your members

1. The commands in the Bible are not to God - but to you. Your will is a key factor. Phil 2:12,13
12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. - WORKING FROM THE INSIDE OUT
2. Yield your members... I have no hands. Don't let Satan use you as one of his weapons.
3. That is exciting we could be used as a weapon of righteousness. Job was a weapon. We raise our kids to be weapons!
4. There is nothing wrong with your bodily parts. Rom 12:1 Holy and acceptable unto God. This is why we will not beat it. Instrument for sin or instruments for righteousness.

E. Yield to this truth - Sin will not have dominion over you

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F. Law verse Grace

1. Law
 - a) Law and sin go together. Law commands, the law condemns but can't conquer sin. To be under the law is to be powerless. It is to be damned.
 - b) To be under the law is to be ruled by the tyrant sin.
2. Grace
 - a) Grace embodies all the righteousness of God.
 - b) Shall we sin that grace may abound.. no, no, no we are not under that Tyranny anymore.
3. This is the way of victory. KNOW, RECKON, YEILD

Un -Believer

- It is time to acknowledge you are helpless against sin. You are still under the law and it will bring death.
- You have not been crucified with Christ and you will not resurrect as He resurrected.
- These promises do not apply to you.
- The promises are only true to those who are IN CHRIST and not church those who are IN THE CHURCH BUILDING TODAY.
- Your eternal home will be the lake of fire.

Believer

- It is time to KNOW, RECKON, and YIELD
- Find your place at your seat or at the altar and thank God for securing the victory in the battle you are facing.
- Live out who you are in Christ!