Become What You Are! Romans 6

Overview

<u>Justification</u>- the declaration that the human has been restored to a state of righteousness in God's sight.

<u>Sanctification</u>- the Divine act of making the believer holy; bringing a person's moral condition into conformity with the legal status established in justification. This is normally seen as a process and reflects in our maturity as a believer.

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Reign, Realm, Dominion

<u>ADAM</u>

CHRIST

6:1-4 The New Life

Shall we continue in sin?

The new life in Christ

Metaphor of baptism

"Do you not know...?"

6:5-7 Died with Christ

The "old man" has been crucified

No longer slaves to sin

Christian has been freed from sin

6:8-10 Alive in Christ

We are alive in Christ and thus sin no longer has dominion over the believer

The empowering presence of God

The power of sin is forever in defeat for the Christian

6:11-14 Dead to Sin...Alive to God

Reckon ourselves as dead to sin

Let not sin reign in our bodies

Present ourselves to God

Sin will not have dominion in our lives

NT Verses Supporting Romans 6:1-14

- We were crucified with Him (Gal 2:20)
- Those who are in Christ, have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires (Gal 5:24)
- We died with Him (2 Tim 2:11)
- We were buried with Him (Col 2:12)
- We were made alive with Him (Eph 2:5; Col 2:13)
- We were raised with Him (Eph 2:6)

Romans 6:15-18-Slaves of Righteousness

We now shift from the "doctrinal/positional" verses to "practical/experiential"

From slaves of sin, to slaves of righteousness

Delivered from the reign of sin in our lives

True freedom is found in submitting to our Lord

6:19-23- God-Centered Living

We are slaves of righteousness for holiness

Being set free from sin

Everlasting life

Conclusion

- If you are not a Christian, then you are still under Adam...left with the problem of sin and no way to rectify it—in this lifetime, and especially for eternity
- Jesus is the bridge between the old man under Adam and the new man under Christ. (See the sheet)
- The great news of the Gospel is not just that we are saved from our sins...as great as that is. But, we also have the privilege of having a personal relationship with the Creator of the universe. He chooses to be involved with all areas of our lives and empowers us to walk in a Christ-like manner.
- We are not helpless victims of our circumstances.

Conclusion

If you are a Christian, we need to recognize and remember WHO we are. We are not victims of our circumstances, we are not helpless in working out our Christian faith.

We are more than conquerors through Christ. We have a God who chooses to be involved in our lives. NOT Deism.

We have a God of Transcendence and Immanence.

But...I need to think correctly. I have been set free from the bondage and power of sin in my life. I need to be who I am.

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REIGN, REALM, DOMINION

<u>ADAM</u> <u>CHRIST</u>

sin grace

death

old man <u>CROSS</u> new man

law justified

condemnation sanctified

righteousness