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¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Overcoming Sin **Romans 6:9-14**

INTRO:

How important is it to God that we resist sin? Let me give you a command and a warning from the New Testament to help motivate us in our study. ***“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord”*** (Hebrews 12:14). Second, ***“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’”*** (1 Peter 1:15–16). How do we do this? Paul wrote we do it by knowing something, counting upon something, and doing something.

I. What We Know (v. 9-10)

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A. If we are going to have victory over sin in our lives and be holy like the Lord wants us to be, we must begin with what we know. Permit me a short review to refresh our minds. What is it we know?

v.6 ***“Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, so that the body of sin might be done away with, in order that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”***

We know, if God saved us, we are no longer slaves to sin.

B. We also know we have the benefits of Christ's death because of our union with Him.

v.8 *"Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him."*

C. **Verses 9-10** flesh out this principle. In Christ we have victory over death. Although we may face physical death indeed we do not die. We too shall rise from the dead someday in glorified bodies. In Christ we have victory over sin. The sin Jesus conquered is our sin. We have resurrection power in our lives to overcome sin, if we will use it.

II. What We Count Upon (v. 11)

Romans 6:11 *"Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

A. The Greek word translated "**consider**" can be translated in several different ways. It can mean "**to count.**" It can mean "**to affirm as true.**" It can mean "**to put to one's account.**" Paul used this word in places like **Romans 4:3** where we read, Abraham believed God and it **was counted** to him as righteousness. There it meant to put it to Abraham's account. God declared Abraham right before God based on his faith.

B. We need to add to our knowing a counting ourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. What does this mean? Because God saved us, we know we in our union with Jesus Christ are no longer slaves to sin. We must count on that as true as we choose to act as if we are dead to sin and alive to God. The best illustration I have read is using this word in terms of our checkbooks. If we write a check we act "**counting**" on the fact that the money is there. So, when Satan whispers in our ears we cannot help ourselves, we have to commit this little sin. We need to remember what we know and point to the truth we are dead to sin and alive to God because Jesus died in our place, we can resist the tempter.

III. What We Do (v. 12-14)

Romans 9:12-14 *"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."*

A. The first imperative here is the command to not allow sin to reign in our mortal bodies. Two observations here. First, we are responsible for choosing to not let sin rule in us. We are no longer slaves to sin. If we are saved, our old man was crucified so we no longer are slaves to sin (**verse 6**). Second, this is like one small brother saying to the other, "**You aren't boss of me!**"

B. The second imperative is; choose to present your members to God and **NOT** to sin.

v.13 *“And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”*

Give the parts of your being to God.

1. This is a choice, an action we chose consciously to make. When temptation comes we must choose to please God and not ourselves and give our members to God and not to sin.

2. **Romans 13:12-14** shows us this in action.

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in [quarreling] and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”

First, we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ. We must continually and constantly build our relationship with Jesus Christ. This is where we find our motivation and draw the spiritual insight and strength to discover how we supply our sinful desires and give in to sin. James add insight to Paul in

James 4:7–8 *“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

The order is important here. If we do not first draw near to God, when we resist the devil, he will laugh at us.

C. Finally, Paul gave his support for his instruction and commands.

v.14 *“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”*

This is not talking about living lawlessly. We are no longer under the hopeless condemnation of the law covenant. We are under the grace of God. Grace does not motivate us to sin but to live righteously.

D. One more verse to show you what I mean.

Titus 2:11–14 *“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”*

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