

**“Freedom With Christ”**  
**Romans 6:6-10**

**Introduction:**

1. Let's Turn In Our Bibles This Morning:
  - To Romans 6:
    - Where Paul Is Showing To Believers In Christ:
      - The Connection:
        - Between Their:
          - Justification:
        - And Their:
          - Sanctification!
      - That Is:
        - Between Their:
          - Position & Standing:
            - Before God:
        - And Their:
          - Practice & Walk:
            - With God!
    - Let's Read Together:
      - 6:1-10 - “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? / 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? / 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? / 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. / 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: / 6 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. / 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. / 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: / 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. / 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God!”
2. Last Sunday:
  - We Looked At The First 5 Verses:
    - Which Describe Your:
      - Union With Christ:
        - If You Are A Christian!
    - And That Union:
      - Is A Spiritual Union And Connection:
        - With Both The Death And The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ!
  - And The Purpose:
    - Of This Union With Christ:
      - Is So That Now - You Will No Longer:
        - “Continue In Sin!” (6:1)
      - But Instead:
        - “Walk In Newness Of Life!” (6:4)
      - The Life You Now Have:
        - In And With:
          - Your Savior, Jesus Christ!
  - And The Picture:
    - Of This Union:
      - As A Christian - As One Who Is Already Saved:
        - And Justified By Faith Alone:
          - Is Your Baptism!
3. Well - This Morning:
  - We Are Going To Focus Our Attention:
    - On The Next 5 Verses - 6:6-10:
      - Which Describe Your:
        - **Freedom With Christ:**

- If You Are A Christian!

- A Spiritual Freedom:

- That You Now Have:

- **Because** You Are:

- United With Christ!

- **IE:** A Couple Of Years Ago - When I Went Back To Our Nation's Capital For A Conference - In My Free Time - I Wanted To Revisit Some Of My Favorite Monuments And Memorials! Of Course - I Went To The Impressive Lincoln Memorial As Well As The Moving WW2 Memorial - But Perhaps My Favorite Is - The Korean War Veterans Memorial - Where There Are 19 Figures Of Soldiers On Patrol In Full Combat Gear - Cautiously Making Their Way Over The Harsh, Korean Terrain - And Just Beyond Them - Engraved Into Granite - Are These Words - "Freedom Is Not Free!"

- What Is True For The Political And National Freedom We Have As Americans:

- Is Also True For The Spiritual Freedom We Have As Christians:

- In And Through Our Lord Jesus Christ!

- **Your Freedom Was Not Free!**

- It Came At The Cost:

- Of "The Precious Blood Of Christ, As Of A Lamb Without Blemish And Without Spit!"  
(1 Peter 1:19)

4. And Now - Since You Have Been:

- United With Christ:

- You Too Have:

#### 1. **A Freedom In Death!**

- A Freedom Through Your Connection With:

- The Death Of Jesus Christ!

- And We See This In 6:6-7:

- "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. / For he that is dead is freed from sin!"

- Here - Paul Describes This Freedom:

- As Something That You & I:

- Should **Know** As Christians!

- And It Relates To Your Spiritual Union With Christ!

\* When Jesus Died:

- You Died With Him:

- And - Along With That Death:

- Came Your Freedom!

- And What A Freedom It Is!

- It Is A Freedom:

- From Your Old Man Of Sin!

- As Paul Writes:

- "Knowing This, That Our Old Man Is Crucified With Him!"

- This Is A Spiritual Fact For Every Christian!

- Now - Just Who / What Is:

- This "Old Man?"

- It Is A Description That Paul Uses In His Letters Of Ephesians & Colossians As Well!

- It Refers To The "Old" You!

- The Person You Were Before You Trusted In Jesus Christ!

- It Is Who You Were In Adam!

- Not Just **What** You Did:

- But **Who** You Were:

- Apart From Christ!

- To Be "Old" - In This Sense:

- Does Not Here Refer To Age!

- It Refers To Value & Use!

- Some Things Just Aren't The Same When They Are "Old!"

- **IE:** Like An Old Car - Doesn't Look The Same / Run The Same / Smell The Same - As It Once Did!

- This Is Your "Old Man!"

- And - What Has Happened To Your “Old Man”?
    - It “Is” - Or - “Has Already Been” – Crucified:
      - With Christ!
    - So - When Jesus:
      - Died On The Cross:
        - In This Physical World:
    - His Crucifixion Brought About:
      - The Spiritual Death And Demise:
        - Of Your “Old Man!”
          - Your Old, Worn-Out, Useless, Sinful Self!
  - And - This Has Already Been Accomplished:
    - **For** You - **By** Christ - On His Cross!
    - And Now:
      - You Are Free From Your Old Man Of Sin!
      - But Also - You Are Free:
- From Your Old Manner Of Sin!
  - As Paul Continues:
    - 6:6 - “That The Body Of Sin Might Be Destroyed!”
      - Now - The “Body Of Sin” That Paul Refers To Is **Not**:
        - Your Physical Body!
    - Though Your Physical Body Is Fallen:
      - And Feels The Curse Of Sin Every Day:
        - It Is Not The Cause Of Sin!
          - **IE**: This Is A Mistake That Some People Make - And So - They Deprive Their Body Of Anything That Is Pleasurable And Beneficial!
  - But - Paul Is Speaking In Spiritual Terms!
    - The “Body Of Sin” Refers To:
      - The Spiritual Body:
        - Of Your Old Man / Nature!
    - And Just Like:
      - Your Physical Body:
        - Is How You Are Seen & Recognized & Known By Others In This World!
    - So - This Spiritual Body:
      - Is How Your Old Man:
        - Was Seen & Recognized & Known As Well!
  - Your Old Man:
    - Was Known By His Sin!
      - **IE**: Sometimes When My Wife And I Go To A Store - I Will Get Distracted By Something - And Will Have To Catch Up To Her And Find Her! And Sometimes - She Can Move Quite Fast! So - As I Walk Through The Aisles - I Am Looking For Her! I Am Looking For The Color Of Her Hair & The Shape Of Her Face - Until I Find Her!
    - Well - Sin:
      - Is How You Can Identify:
        - Your Old Man!
  - But - That Old Man:
    - Was Crucified With Christ On The Cross:
      - So That The “Body Of Sin” Would:
        - No Longer Be Recognizable!
          - Instead - For The Christian - It Would Be Forever “Destroyed!”
            - Without Any More Power Or Sway Over You!
  - And - This Has Already Been Accomplished:
    - **For** You - **By** Christ - On His Cross!
    - And Now:
      - You Are Free From Your Old Manner Of Sin!
      - But Also - You Are Free:
- From Your Old Master Of Sin!
  - Paul Goes On In 6:6c:

- “That Henceforth We Should Not Serve Sin!”
- If You Remember From 6:1-5:
  - Sin Was The Tyrant:
    - Over Your Old Man:
      - When You Were Living In:
        - That Old Country!
    - And You Were In Subjection And Bondage:
      - To Sin As Your Own Master!
        - **IE:** And Like Pharaoh Was To The Children Of Israel - Your Sin Was A Harsh Taskmaster! Kept Raising The Bar! Never Enough!
  - But - Since You - As A Christian:
    - Have Been United To The Death Of Christ:
      - You Have A New Master!
        - And Are Living In A New Country!
          - And Have Become A New Man/Woman! An Entirely New Creation!
  - And Now - There Is No Reason For You:
    - To Live Like The Slave You Once Were!
      - For Your New Master:
        - Is A Good Master!
          - “For Ye Serve The Lord Christ!” (Colossians 3:24)
  - And - This Has Already Been Accomplished:
    - **For** You - **By** Christ - On His Cross!
      - And Now:
        - You Are Free From Your Old Master Of Sin!
- And The Reason For This Great Freedom:
  - Is Given To Us:
    - In 6:7 - “For He That Is Dead – Or – Died – Is Freed From Sin!”
      - The Word Translated “Freed” Here:
        - Is The Same Word That Has Already Frequently Been Translated:
          - “Justified” In Romans!
    - So - “He That Died” – In & With Christ:
      - “Has Been Justified From Sin!”
        - So - You Are Not Just Free:
          - From The Controlling Power Of Sin - You Are Free:
            - From **All** The Trappings Of Sin!
    - As John Gill Once Wrote:
      - You Have Been - “Freed From The Dominion Of [Sin], From Servitude To [Sin], And Also From The Guilt Of [Sin], And From Obligation To Punishment On Account Of [Sin]!”
        - You Have Been “Justified” From **All** Of Your Sin!
          - Your Former Relationship To Sin Has Been Completely Changed - Really - Completely Broken!
  - So - If You Are A Christian Today:
    - No Longer Are You:
      - **Living** In The Sin:
        - Of Your Old Man / Nature!
    - No Longer Are You:
      - **Known** By The Sin:
        - Of Your Old Manner!
          - 1 Corinthians 6:11 - “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”
    - No Longer Are You:
      - **Controlled** By The Sin:
        - Of Your Old Master!
    - **You Are Free!**
      - And As Jesus Said In John 8:36 - “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed!”
        - But - What’s More:



- At Another Time & On Another Day!
- But - The Resurrection Of Jesus:
  - Is Different!
    - Not Only Was He Brought Back To Life:
      - By His Own Divine Power:
        - He Was Also Brought Back To Life:
          - Never To Die Again!
  - He “Dieth No More!” (6:9)
    - And Experiences Nothing:
      - Related to Death:
        - Any Longer!
- Unlike Us:
  - Jesus No Longer Experiences:
    - Any Of The Sorrow:
      - Of Death!
  - Not Even:
    - Your Own Death!
      - When Lazarus Died - “Jesus Wept!”
  - But Now - When You Die As A Christian:
    - Psalm 116:15 - “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints!”
- Unlike Us:
  - Jesus No Longer Experiences:
    - Any Of The Separation:
      - Of Death!
- And So - We Can Be Confident:
  - In What Jesus Told The Apostle John:
    - In Revelation 1:18 - “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen!”
- Jesus Christ Arose From The Dead:
  - And Is Alive Forevermore!
    - And In His Life:
      - You Now Live:
        - With Freedom!
          - Also Through:
- The Final Resurrection Of Christ!
  - As Paul Adds In 6:9:
    - “Death Hath No More Dominion Over Him!”
  - Though **Sin**:
    - **Never** Had Dominion Over Jesus:
      - **Death** Had Only:
        - A **Brief Dominion** Over Him:
          - Because Of The Sin He Willingly Took From Us Upon Himself!
  - **But Not Any More!**
    - Instead - Through His Resurrection:
      - He Has Brought The Dominion:
        - Of Death Itself:
          - To An End!
    - According To 2 Timothy 1:10:
      - The Resurrection Of Jesus:
        - “Hath Abolished Death, And Hath Brought Life And Immortality To Light Through The Gospel!”
    - According To Acts 2:24:
      - The Resurrection Of Jesus:
        - “Loosed The Pains Of Death: Because It Was Not Possible That He Should Be Holden Of It!”
    - And - According To 1 Corinthians 15:55:
      - Through The Resurrection Of Jesus:
        - We Can Say - “O Death, Where Is Thy Sting? O Grave, Where Is Thy

- Victory?"
  - When Jesus Christ Rose From The Dead:
    - He Dealt The Final Death-Blow:
      - To Death Itself!
        - And In His Life:
          - You Now Live:
            - With Freedom!
- And This Freedom Is Yours:
  - How?
    - Through Faith & Belief!
      - 6:8 - "Now if we be dead with Christ!"
        - Which All Christians Are!
      - Then - "We *believe* that we shall also live with him!"
        - Which All Christians Will!
- But - You Can Believe:
  - That Not Only:
    - Will You Live:
      - *With* Him:
        - Yet In The Future!
  - You Also Now:
    - Live *In* Him:
      - This Very Day / This Very Moment!
  - Jesus Said:
    - In John 14:19 - "Because I Live, Ye Shall Live Also!"
- And - Through His Life:
  - You Are Free!

### Conclusion:

1. When We Come To 6:10:
  - Paul Summarizes What We Just Read:
    - From 6:6-9 - And Tells Us Once Again:
      - About The Death & Life:
        - Of Jesus!
    - "For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God!"
      - These Are The Doctrines:
        - That We Know To Be True:
          - About Jesus!
  - When Jesus Died:
    - He Died To Sin:
      - Once & Only Once!
        - This Means That The Very Purpose Of His Coming:
          - Was To Deal With Sin:
            - Once And For All!
    - Paul Will Later Explain This:
      - In Romans 8:3 - "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh!"
        - So Now - This Death:
          - For & Unto Sin:
            - Will Never Have To Be Repeated!
              - Not By Christ!
              - Not By Christians!
    - And Since You Are United With The Death Of Jesus:
      - This Also Means That Your Death:
        - Is No Longer A Punishment:
          - But A Passageway:
            - That Leads To The Gate Of Heaven & Life Itself!
    - For The Christian:

- To Be United With Christ Means:
    - There Is Freedom In His Death!
    - But Also:
  - For The Christian:
    - To Be United With Christ Means:
      - There Is Freedom Through His Life!
      - Because:
  - Since Jesus Is Alive:
    - He “Liveth Unto God” (6:10)
      - Forevermore!
        - This Means That He Will Continue To Fulfill His Divine Role:
          - According To The Purpose & Plan Of God!
    - As He Always Did:
      - He Will Always Still:
        - “Do . . . Those Things That Please” His Father!
          - And That Includes What He Said In John 6:39 - “And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day!”
2. When You Are United With Christ:
- By Faith In Him:
    - You Now Have Great Freedom:
      - With Christ!
        - Freedom From Sin:
          - Through His Death - And:
        - Freedom To Live:
          - Through His Life!
    - These Truths:
      - We Know!
        - But - What Will You Now Do:
          - With What You Know?

3. Its One Thing:

    - To Know Something Is True:
      - Its Another Thing:
        - To Live According To That Truth!
          - Well - In 6:11 - Paul Tells Us What To Do With This Knowledge!
            - “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”
              - But - We Will Look At That Next Time!

4. Remember This Morning:

    - That To Be United With Christ Means:
      - That You Have Real Freedom In Christ!

- \* Are You United With Christ Through Faith In Him?
- \* Do You See Your Connection With His Death & Resurrection?
- \* How Will These Truths Affect Your Life Today?
  - Will You Continue In Sin? Or Will You Walk In Newness Of Life?

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