

Celebration and Worship

Sunday, July 22, 2007

DYING TO LIVE, PART II

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. (Romans 6:12-14 NKJV)

**JESUS CHRIST MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR SIN TO BE DETHRONED,
NO LONGER RULING ME**

See Colossians 2:9-15

**JESUS CHRIST MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SPIRITUAL LIFE AS
HE REIGNS OVER MY LIFE**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. (Romans 8:22-23 HCSB)

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. (Romans 7:18-20 NKJV)

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. (Matthew 23:25-28 NKJV)

“The evidence of who/what rules your heart is found in who/what are your serving.”

HOW DO I RECKON MYSELF DEAD TO SIN?

1. CALL OUT TO JESUS WHO WILL SET ME FREE FROM SIN'S RULE

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3 NKJV)

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:36 NKJV)

2. ALLOW CHRIST TO RULE THE THRONE OF MY HEART

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 3:15 NIV)

3. CHOOSE TO HAVE THE RIGHT UNDERSTANDING ABOUT SIN IN MY LIFE

a. My body is the Temple for the Holy Spirit.

“...Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God...” (1 Corinthians 6:19b NKJV)

b. God always gives me a way of Escape from temptation.

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV)

c. Jesus is my High Priest and Helper.

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV)

d. I am held Accountable for my actions.

Each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12 NIV)

e. I have confidence that sin has No Hold on my life.

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. (Romans 6:6-7 NKJV)

Pastor’s Suggested Daily Bible Reading...

Monday	July 23	1 Corinthians 13
Tuesday	July 24	1 Corinthians 14
Wednesday	July 25	1 Corinthians 15
Thursday	July 26	1 Corinthians 16
Friday	July 27	2 Corinthians 1
Saturday	July 28	Psalms 87, 88
Sunday	July 29	Psalms 89