

Dying to Self in order To Be Sanctified

Scripture Reading (New Standard Revised Version) – Romans 6: 7-8, 12-14

7 – For whoever has died is freed from sin.

8 – But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

12 – Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

13 – No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

14 – For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace

Background to Sermon

A. Resurrection Sunday – discussion about the importance of Christ’s resurrection

B. Order of Sermon

1. Examination into the Purpose for the Death and Its Outcomes
2. Recognition of Dying to Self
3. Current Application for Living Righteously

C. Read Scripture (Romans 6-7, 12-14)

I. Examination in the Purpose for the Death and Its Outcomes

A. Individual’s Mental Process of Receiving Christ

1. Reading and Hearing Death’s Defeat (faith comes by hearing)
 - a. Reading – John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
 - b. Hearing – Romans 10:17 “So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.”
 - c. Result – Reception or Non-Reception
2. Purpose of the Defeat (sin’s covering lifted)
 - a. Purpose for Sin’s Defeat

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- 1) Spiritual battle
 - a) God is spirit (John 4:24)
- 2) Leads to death (Romans 6:23)
- 3) Death causes the mind to be hardened (2 Cor. 3:14)
3. Spiritual Illumination
 - a. Veil torn – Luke 24:45 “while the sun’s light failed; and **the curtain of the temple was torn in two.**”
 - 1) Symbolic act of defeating sacrificial system created by God
 - a) The ultimate sacrifice (Jesus) canceled the system
 - a) The ultimate sacrifice (Jesus) birthed a new system
 - b) Former ways of old are now fulfilled into this new system (Jesus Christ crucified)
 - b. Sinful ways recognized (general manner, but could be at the individual level)
4. Awareness and Openness to Understanding Christ’s Death
 - a. Individual recognizes the cost
 - b. Individual recognizes the sacrifice from a spiritual perspective
 - c. Individual recognizes their sinful manner and need to eternal atonement
5. Choice of Divine Inheritance
 - a. Acceptance into God’s Kingdom is a choice (free gift)
6. Eternal Life
 - a. End goal: reception of eternal life

II. Recognition of Dying to Self (Romans 6:7-8)

- A. Knowing freedom from sin (Romans 6:7)
 1. You do not conduct the same affairs after salvation
 2. Feelings of dissatisfaction when attempting to jump back into former life
 - a. Ephesians 4:30 “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God”

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- B. Knowing to live in freedom with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:8)
1. Implication of resurrection, dying, and living eternally
 2. Reality: journey of freedom with Christ
 - a. Jesus Christ lives in you (Holy Spirit)
 - 1) Romans 8:11 “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through **His Spirit that dwells in you.**”
 - b. Jesus Christ walks with you
 - 1) Micah 6:8 “and to **walk humbly with your God.**”
 - 2) Matthew 4:1 “Then **Jesus was led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness”
 - c. Jesus Christ guides you (by the Holy Spirit)
 - 1) John 14:26 “But the Advocate, The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you everything,** and **remind you of all that I have said to you.**”
 - d. Jesus Christ molds/shapes you
 - 1) Ephesians 4:21-22 “For surely you have **heard about Him** and **were taught in Him,** as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to **put away the former way of life**”

III. Current Application for Living Righteously (Romans 6:12-14)

- A. Two Admonitions from Paul
1. Command 1 – Do not allow sin to have dominion in your body (v. 12)
 - a. Battle is in the mind (Romans 12:2)
 - 1) Thoughts form
 - 2) Contemplation ensues
 - 3) Initiation in mind commences
 2. Command 2 – Do not act on sin (v. 13a)
 - a. Mind Battle failed leads to action
 - 1) The mind tells the body to act (mind compromised)
 - 2) The action will lead to a former behavior or sinful habit

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B. One Recommendation from Paul

1. Sanction 1 – Sacrifice yourself – i.e. die to self – (v. 13b)
 - a. A decisive act (Romans 12:1)
 - 1) Subject mind to a discipline of righteousness
 - 2) Subject body to act on that discipline
 - b. Sacrificial system
 - 1) Job of the lamb – to die for covering of sins
 - 2) Job of Christ – to die to eradicate sin
 - 3) Job of the believer – to die to live a life without sin (Romans 13b “**but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life**, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness”)

IV. Conclusion

A. Significance

1. Purpose for the Death and Its Outcomes
 - a. Knowing and Understanding the Process of Christ’s Death
2. Recognition of Dying to Self
 - a. Having Awareness that One Must Live a Life of Dying to Self
3. Current Application for Living Righteously
 - a. Using Methods to Be Successful When Living a Holy Life, Side-by-side with Jesus Christ

B. Future

1. Understanding of Dying to Self’s Significance, We Can Understand Sanctification (next week)