Romans 6
Dead to Sin – Alive in Christ

Welcome back and here we go! Today we tackle chapter 6 of Romans, "Dead to Sin – Alive in Christ" ------ this whole idea of being buried with Christ and risen to life, no longer slaves to sin. I like the idea but every time I sin, I feel like IT is my master and I can't "not sin". And while we know this not to be true, it often feels, at least for me, that I am helpless. So, what is a child of God to do?

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1) What stands out to you?

Again, this is the moment in each week's study where we can share what we already know and believe. The beauty is, since we know ahead of time what we are studying, we can come prepared with formed thoughts. For example, in two weeks we will be in Chapter 7 of Romans.

There are two main topics here today: "Baptism" and "Freedom from Sin".

Romans 6:1-5

2) What does it mean to be baptized into Christ and His death?

The truth is we know that Baptism does not save us, rather putting our faith in Jesus' death and His act on the cross is what brings us salvation.

Romans 4:21-26

This whole idea of being made just in God's eyes because of our confidence in God's promise to save us through Christ's death, I think we understand this. But what about:

Acts 2:38

3) Do you have to be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit?

A lot of confusion and entire churches and movements center around this one scripture. So for teaching and edification purposes, we will lay that dog down.

4) What happens at baptism?

Simply put, as it says in Romans, we are self-identifying with Christ's death.

Romans 10:8-13

Confess with your mouth and believe in our heart. YOU WILL BE SAVED. Sorry, don't mean to yell!

Romans 6:8-12

This is the heart of the rest of Chapter 6.

5) What does it mean to reckon yourself dead to sin?

Here is where the real growth happens. We actually believe we are justified --- right in God's eyes no matter what. In our minds we are living with Christ in these mortal bodies. Often as I sin, I actually feel like I am still a slave to sin. I mean otherwise, why don't I stop? I believe my body/flesh is sinful.

My mind however believes --- KNOWS --- that I am holy --- righteous --- just --- saved.
Does your mind know that?

Romans 7:25

6) What does this mean to you personally?

Your answer here will reveal whether you are living a life free from the slavery of sin. Because it says what you believe…….

Romans 6:19

7) Explain this verse.

Sorry, so many questions today, but the truth is…

If you are free from sin and a slave of Christ, your answers should reflect a confidence, not in your flesh, but in God's Word. That is where the true freedom lies.

We would be remiss if we finished without

Romans 6:23

Let's go into the next couple of weeks living like free people, who are redeemed, justified, saved!

No class NEXT WEEK. See you in two weeks.