

LEARNING TO LIVE FREE

Romans 6:1-11

“What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? ² Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, ⁷ since a person who has died is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, ⁹ because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:1-11)

THE BIG IDEA: Many people are living hopeless lives trapped in the shackles of sin, but Jesus made a way for us to be truly free.

KEY VERSES: *“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, ⁷ since a person who has died is freed from sin.”* (Romans 6:6-7)

FINDING FREEDOM IS ROOTED IN KNOWING JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR

- *“So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.”* (John 8:36)
- **There is no true freedom in life apart from the freedom that is found in Christ.**
- Jesus - *“If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. ³² You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* (John 8:31-32)
- **Many people falsely equate relief from certain struggles as freedom, but are still shackled by the sin and subsequent consequences of that sin.**

BEING FREE BEGINS WITH AVOIDING GRACE ABUSE

- **Justification is what happens at the moment we accept Christ as our Lord & Savior, but Sanctification is the ongoing process of becoming more like Christ.**
- *“What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”* (Romans 6:1-2)

- While our lives will still be affected by sin (Romans 3:23), we cannot live lives that are dominated by sin.

GREATER FREEDOM IS EXPERIENCED THROUGH OBEDIENCE

- *“Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.”* (Romans 6:4)
- **It is the continued practice of obedience to God that breaks the shackles of sin that enslave us.**

COMPLETE FREEDOM IS ATTAINABLE ONLY THROUGH CHRIST

- *“So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”* (Romans 6:11)
- **The same God that raised Jesus from the dead has imparted life to His followers.**
- *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has[d] come!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- *“So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.”* (John 8:36)
- **A life that is fully committed to Christ is a life that experiences the abundance of freedom.**

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION

Ice Breaker: What is the funniest thing someone ever shared with you in conversation?

Start thinking:

- What do we learn about God from Romans 6:1-11?
- What does it mean to be “dead to sin” in verses 2 and 11?
- How would you explain the term “enslaved to sin” in verse 6?

Start sharing. Discuss in depth to create openness.

- What are some ways people can abuse God’s grace?
- What is the difference in “being affected by sin” and “being slaves to sin” as addressed in the sermon?
- How does obedience to Christ lead to freedom?
- Consider some areas of your life that you need complete freedom from sin struggles. Ask the Lord to help you break free from these struggles, and find someone in your group, or a fellow believer that you can share these things with that can also pray with you?
- What is your big takeaway from this message?

Pray

- Share prayer requests and pray for each other.
- Pray for our community to be open to the Gospel.
- Pray for our church, and leadership.
- Pray for our government leaders, and local leaders.
- Pray about anything else the Holy Spirit leads you to pray