

Getting Started

1. What does freedom feel like?
2. Is there a sin that you continue to commit and find it very difficult to give up? Why is it so hard?
3. What is your favorite parable of Jesus? Why is it your favorite?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43:

Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him,¹ so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us,² but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.³

¹ Rom. 6:5-11; Col. 2:11-12 ² Rom. 6:12-14 ³ Rom. 12:1; Eph. 5:1-2

Do you feel free from the evil desires of the flesh?

6. Paul talks about the old and new life in a couple other places in scripture: Colossians 3:9-11 and Ephesians 4:22-24. What is the main takeaway from these verses?
7. Read John 15:1-11. How does this relate to what we have heard from Romans 6:1-14?
8. Paul tells us why our response to God's grace is to glorify him. In 1 Peter 2:24 and 4:2 we also read about our response. What is our response?

Application

9. When we have been saved, do we continue to sin so that grace may abound? No, we live into the new life of holiness that we have in Jesus Christ. Strive to serve God faithfully every moment of your life. You have been set free from sin, live into your freedom.

Praying Scripture

Psalm 119:

- 17 Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
- 19 I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
- 20 My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules at all times.
- 21 You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.
- 22 Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.
- 23 Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
- 24 Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.

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The Gospel: Class is in Session

“Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ”

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:1, 2

- **If I am a Christian, I cannot _____ to live in _____.**
- **Our _____ comes from _____ with _____.**
- **Our _____ for obedience is _____, and our aim is to _____ God.**

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