**Sermon Title: The Stripping of Sin’s Dominating Power, Part 2**

**Sermon Text: Romans 6:3-14**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to realize the principles of living free of sin’s dominating power.**

**Sermon Proposition: Victory over sin’s dominating power is realized only by applying 3 principles.**

**I. The believer’s death to sin in principle is realized by knowing. V. 3-10**

**II. The believer’s death to sin in principle is realized by reckoning. V.11-12**

**III. The believer’s death to sin in principle is realized by not yielding. V.13-14**

**Introduction:** Many people have no problem knowing or believing that sin is alive in them, the problem is that they don’t equally know or believe that they are dead to sin. The believer does not have to any longer continue in sin, for grace to abound. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ when applied to the sinner’s live, changes everything. The believer has died to sin!

 Confirming the teaching of [**1 John 3:9** Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.]. The verb sin means to continue in a course, pattern, practice of sin. Here it is not referring to committing an act of sin. It is impossible for those who have been justified and who are being sanctified to continue in sin, because God will convict, bend us toward repentance, or bring death at sometime. A dead man cannot live a pattern of sin.

 But the question remains for all of us, does one live out their liberation from habitual sin?

**I. The believer’s death to sin in principle is realized by knowing. V. 3-10 (3, 6, 9)**

 The article “the” comes before the word death in the Greek. It is “the death” not our own death, that is the subject here, the death of Jesus Christ, which becomes our death by faith alone.

 A. The death of Jesus Christ is the believer’s **death**. V.3

 B. The burial of Jesus Christ is the believer’s **burial**. V.4a

 C. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the believer’s **resurrection**. V.4b-5

 Kenneth S. Wurst defines the particular use of baptize (to be baptized) as “the introduction or placing of a person or thing into a new environment or into union with something else so as to alter its condition or its relationship to its previous environment or condition.” (Romans in the Greek New Testament [Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 1995], pp.96-96)

 Christians have been baptized into Jesus Christ, therefore permanently immersing us into Him, so as to be made one with Him.

 **1 Corinthians 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

 **Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

 **1 Corinthians 6:15** Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* members of a harlot? Certainly not!

 **1 Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

 The noble theologian Charles Hodges summarized, “There can be no participation in Christ’s life without participation in His death, and we cannot enjoy the benefits of His death unless we are partakers of the power of His life. We must be reconciled to God in order to by holy, and we cannot be reconciled without thereby becoming holy” (Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans [Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, n.d.], p. 195)

 D. Our body of sin has been rendered **inoperative**. V.6

 The old man has been in the past been crucified, if you are a Christian. The “old man” refers to the old self, that was in and under Adam. The “old man” was crucified with Christ at the cross, and the event is finished in the mind of God. [***Galatians 2:20*** *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*] The body of sin being destroyed, does not refer to annihilation or removal. Sin still dwells within. Sin was made of no effect, rendered powerless. The Greek word gives the idea of sin being annulled, or rendered inoperative.

 What is the body of sin then? It is the body we have, in which sin finds an instrument: the tongue, the hands, the mind. Sin finds its source in the will of man, but was the body parts as its instruments.

 1. The first truth to know is that our old self was crucified with Christ.

 **Ephesians 4:20** But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

 2. The second truth our body of sin has been done away with.

 (katargeo) made inoperative. To make something ineffective by removing its power of control.

 3. The third truth we should no longer be slaves to sin.

 **Romans 6:17** But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. **18** And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

 All the verbs in those two verses make clear that a believer’s slavery under sin has already been broken by Christ and therefore is a thing of the past. The precise idea is that believers can no longer be slaves of sin, meaning that he no longer is under the compulsion and tyranny of sin, neither will he dutifully and solely obey sin as he formerly did.

 **1 Peter 4:1** Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **2** that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

 **1 Peter 4:15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

 E. The **one** death of Christ was a death to **sin**. V.8-10

 Christ’s one death to sin brought not only death to sin but death for those saved by faith alone. Believers are not only to look forward to living in the presence in the future, but of living to God for God, living a life fully consistent with God’s holiness. To break the mastery of sin, is also to break the mastery of death.

 1. Christ died to the penalty of sin.

 2. Christ died to the power of sin, this is true for the believer also.

**II. The believer’s death to sin in principle is realized by reckoning. V.11-12**

**III. The believer’s death to sin in principle is realized by not yielding. V.13-14**