

A Strong Place
Choose Your Slavery

Do you struggle with sin? Is there a particular sin you struggle with the most?

Modern evangelical Christianity has taught grace in a way that suggests we are saved from the penalty of sin through the cross but not the power of sin.

“Sinner saved by grace”. Still have the lifestyle of sin, just forgiven.

We’re not perfect (sinless), but conversion creates a new motivation for living.

Weak theology creates weak Christians!

Rom. 6:1-14

Verse 14 – notice what God says about grace.

Three verbs:

v. 6 – “know”

- Our ‘old man’ (old nature) was crucified
- This is what water baptism is about (v. 4).
- Muzzle on the dog (law) vs. new dog entirely (new birth)
- This ‘dog’ is now able to experience the glory of God – the ‘aim’ of the new life!

v. 11 – “reckon”

- Basically an accounting term
- Believe the money is in your account
- V. 12 – you can still let sin reign in your life, but you don’t have to
- Dead to sin, Alive to God – opposite of the unbeliever

v. 13 – “present”

- This is where we go from **knowing** to **doing**
- *So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. NLT*

Conclusion – v. 17-18

*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.***

Best illustration is marriage. A form of slavery!

Response

- Which one of the three ‘verbs’ do you need to apply the most to your life?
- I need to come to the cross, to put my old nature to death
- I need to present my members to God