



Heads Up

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 6

Paul has made it very clear that those of us who are genuine Christ followers are engaged in a fight with ourselves. We have been freed, through our spiritual death and resurrection with Christ, from the power of sin that ruled in our lives before we knew Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says we are new creations in Christ. The old Johnny is dead and the new Johnny has precedence in my life. (Of course that is my paraphrase.) The result is that sin no longer has authority in my heart and life. We (I) have been set free.

Although we are free from sin we have not lost the desire to please ourselves and ignore God. We still sin even knowing how destructive the sin we commit can be. Paul has commanded us to no longer volunteer to sin and not let it control our bodies. Paul brings it to a finer point and says, we must no longer present any part of our bodies to sin and do unrighteous things.

The command insists that we have control over what we do with our bodies. Christ's death and the power of God's spirit give us that control. Those of us who are Christ followers can only sin if we choose to do so.

Instead, Paul writes, we must present our bodies to God to be used for righteousness. We must do it on purpose, acting like people who have been brought from death to life. So how do we do that? Good question! We must continually remind ourselves that we have actually, genuinely been brought from death to life. That is who we are now and it is who we have been destined to be.

PRAYER: Father, please remind us and help us to no longer be slaves to sin but to be slaves to righteousness.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 7

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