Temptation Had Its Tires Slashed January 17, 2021

*Romans 6:1-14 Series: How God Helps Us Change*

It is my opinion that thousands would escape from slavery, who now remain, but for the strong cords of affection that bind them to their friends. – Frederick Douglass

Intro: President Business vs. Cloud Cuckoo Land?

1. Your old life is dead. Don’t open the coffin.
2. When you trusted in Jesus, His death became yours

v. 2 *we who died to sin*

v. 3 *all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death*

v. 4 *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death …*

v. 5 *we have been united with him in a death like his*

v. 10 *the death he died he died to sin, once for all*

v. 6 *our old self was crucified with him*

1. Come to terms with the death of your old self

v. 11 *you also must consider yourselves dead to sin*

* Have you ever felt that grace is an incentive to sin? Why?
* In what sense have we died? What does that mean?
* How do you “consider” yourself dead to sin? What are some ways that we can do that?
* How does considering yourself dead to sin help deal with temptation?

1. Your new life has begun. Celebrate the birth.
2. When you trusted in Jesus, His resurrection became yours

v. 5 *we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his*

v. 8 *we believe that we will also live with him*

v. 4 *just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

1. Come to terms with the birth of your new self

v. 11 *So you also must consider yourselves … alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

* In what sense are our lives new in Christ?
* The Bible says that we are a new creation, but what is still “old” about us? i.e. In what sense are we not quite new?
* What are some ways that you can “consider” yourself “alive to God”?
* How does considering yourself alive to God help deal with temptation?

1. Sin’s control over you is broken. Live like it.
2. The death of the old you broke sin’s control over you

v. 6 *in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing*

v. 6 *so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin*

v. 7 *For one who has died has been set free from sin.*

v. 9 *Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*

v. 14 *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

1. Don’t give yourself to your old masters

v. 12 *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.*

v. 13 *Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness …*

1. Give yourself to God

v. 13 *present yourselves to God*

v. 13 *present … your members to God as instruments for righteousness*

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

* In what sense has every believer been “set free from sin”?
* What does it mean that sin no longer has dominion over us?
* What place does sin still have in the life of a believer?
* What are some ways you can present yourself to God?
* How has this passage changed how you see your motivation to turn from sin and pursue holiness as a believer?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Romans 6:15-23.

Notes