



CONQUERING SIN

MARCH 11, 2024

ROMANS 6:12-14 NKJV – (12) Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. (13) And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. (14) For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

In **Romans 6:9–14**, the apostle Paul communicates a key concept of justification referred to as “imputed righteousness.” He is teaching Christians how they can experience freedom from the control of sin over their lives. When Jesus Christ died and was resurrected from the dead, the victory He achieved over sin and death was imparted to all who believe in His name and receive Him as Lord and Savior. Paul writes, “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace” (**Romans 6:14**, NKJV).

Before salvation, sin was like a slave-driving master over us. Now, as “prisoners of Christ Jesus” (**Ephesians 3:1**), we no longer live under the requirements of the law but under the freedom of God’s grace: “Just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God’s wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (**Romans 5:21**).

God counts Christians dead to sin because of their identification with the death and resurrection of Christ. If God considers us dead to sin, we must also think of ourselves as dead to sin’s dominion. If God says it is so, then we must believe it. Counting yourself dead to sin means you “don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect” (**Romans 12:2**).

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 6:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A true Christian desires to be free from sin, not to sin freely.