

‘THE TRUTH ABOUT ME’

New Me, Part 2
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Review From Last Week & Romans 5

In each of our lives there seems to be at least one area we consistently struggle with

When Adam rebelled against God, all mankind inherited his rebellious nature
Romans 5:17 (NLT) "The sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over us,..."

We are enslaved to sin

Romans 5:8 (NIV) "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Great news about Christ, because He came and gave His life as our sacrifice, the penalty of sin has been paid for, i.e. I will go to heaven if I am a Christian

As A Christian How Do I Deal With Sin In My Everyday Life

Romans 6:1-2 (NIV) "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

Key principle of this passage: Those "in Christ" have died to sin

Romans 6:3 (NIV) "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

Baptism is the perfect physical picture of the spiritual reality that takes place when a person moves from "in Adam" to "in Christ"

Romans 6:4 (NIV) "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Christianity is not a good moral improvement program

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Christianity is a killing of the old and a new birth, a new life – we're alive to God

It's not a "better me," it's a brand "new me"

Romans 6:6-7 (NIV) "For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been freed from sin."

Principle – Anyone who has died is freed from sin

“done away with” also translated “rendered impotent.” Point – We now have power not to sin

Romans 6:11 (NIV) “In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

“count yourselves” an accounting term – means live as if it’s true, i.e. that I am dead to sin but alive to God

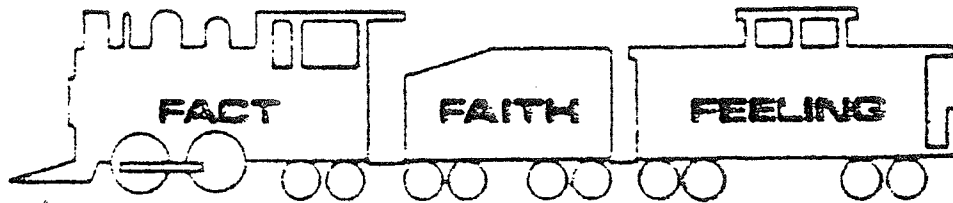
There is no power in “positive thinking” unless what you are thinking is true

God says there is something very powerful in thinking in line with what God says is true
Romans 12:2 (NLT) “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.”

I’m to consider myself dead to sin, no longer a slave to sin, able not to sin, and alive to God

Why do we believe we’re not under the penalty of sin, i.e. “because of what Christ has done for me I’m going to heaven,” but still believe we’re under the power of sin in everyday life

What I feel in not always consistent with what is true



TRUTH : “I am dead to sin, but alive to God.”

My Next Step Today Is:

- Throughout the day this week, I will say, “I am dead to sin, but alive to God.”
- I will memorize Romans 6:11
- I will read Romans 5 through Romans 6:14 each day this week for my Quiet Time with God
- I can help at the Kids Festival on Saturday, September 19th