

Live to God

Rom 6:10-15

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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. NKJV

There are two parts to this passage.

One concerns what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross.

The other concerns how we live our lives.

Ultimately it all goes back to Jesus and His finished work.

Jesus died unto sin once.

Now He lives unto God and so should we.

But what does that mean.

It means that Jesus now has back all that He laid aside when He came to earth to save us.

He prayed in John 17 that the Father would glorify Him with the glory that they had together before the world began.

When He was in the world, He was subject to the world. To hunger, weariness, and all of that.

When He died on the cross He experienced the wrath of God for our sin.

But when he was raised from the dead, He left all of that behind.

- I. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all
 - A. Jesus became man and came to earth and suffered all that we suffer.
 - 1. He subjected Himself to the sorrows of life.
 - 2. He is know as a man of sufferings and acquainted with sorrow in Isa 53.
 - 3. He became sin for us, He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
 - 4. Though He was sinless yet He died for our sin.
 - B. But He did it but once and for all time.

1. In the Catholic tradition they have what they call mass.
2. In the mass they sacrifice Jesus each and every time.
3. It is as if they are saying that the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross was not sufficient but needs to be supplemented.

II. But the life that He lives, He lives to God.

A. Although Jesus died and was buried, yet He did not stay dead.

1. They will never find His ossuary.

B. But what does it mean that now He lives unto God.

1. It does not mean that now He is perfect for He always was.
2. It does not mean that He is now somehow more complete.

C. What it means is that Jesus' prayer was answered.

1. In John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
2. When Jesus came to earth He emptied Himself.
 - a. Phil 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. NKJV
3. Today Jesus is in heaven and nothing of this earth has any thing on Him.
4. He is no longer subject to this earthly system as He once was.
 - a. Subject to parents
 - b. Subject to governments.
 - c. Subject to weakness of a fleshly body
 - d. Etc.

III. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. What Paul is then saying to us is that we too should not allow anything of this world to control or hinder our walk in Jesus Christ.

1. Sin has lost its appeal to us for we are now of another kingdom.
2. Sin now has no appeal to us we are motivated by different goals and aspirations.
3. Sin has lost its hold on us for we are now SAINTS, holy ones.

4. Therefore we are to reckon ourselves dead to sin.
- B. But alive to God.
1. God is the realm within which we now live.
 2. His pleasure is now ours, we have surrendered all of ourselves to His will.
 3. In the same way that the laws of this world had no more affect on Jesus after His resurrection, so this world's evils are no more a law to us.
 4. We can live, we must live godly lives.
- IV. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.
- V. 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.
- VI. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Children's message.

What would happen if we stopped eating.

Could we stop eating?

What would happen if we did not go to sleep?

But people in heaven don't need to eat or sleep. How can they do that.

They died to this life and left it all behind.