

10. According to verses 12-14, what attitudes and actions result from being chosen by God? What do these attitudes have in common?

11. Why do you think Paul concludes His teaching on putting sin to death with the command to do everything “in the name of the Lord” (v. 17)? Why is such an attitude crucial to overcoming sin?

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. What are some means God has given us of “playing the tape” of redemption in our minds? How might doing so help us in the fight against sin? How can we make this a more consistent part of our daily lives?

12. What does it look like practically to “put to death what is earthly in you”? What role does the church play in the process? How can we, as members of this Growth group, support each other in our individual fights against sin?

13. Which of the attitudes in verses 12-14 do you find most difficult to live out? How might remembering your position in Christ help you grow in this area?

Prayer Requests

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May 3, 2015

Sermon Notes

Free From the Shackles of Sin

Romans 6:1-23

Why worry about sin in our lives?

1. Why worry – the more we sin, the more G_____ we S_____?

Answer: You D_____ to the world of sin and were M_____ A_____ to God's world of life. (v. 2-10)

2. Why worry – sin doesn't really M_____ anymore?

Answer: You are in S_____ to whatever you O_____ (v. 16-18)

Answer: Your new M_____ offers better B_____ than the old one (v. 19-23)

Our New Life starts when we choose to think C_____ and act A_____

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Have you ever had a bad habit that you long wanted to break. What was the habit? Were you able to break it why or why not?
2. If you were able to break it, how did you feel afterward? How is your life different now that you are free from that bad habit?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-4.

3. In what ways are we tempted to live as if we still belong to the world? How does Paul contradict such thinking in these verses? How does Paul describe followers of Christ in these verses?
4. What reasons does Paul give in verses 3-4 to focus on what is above? How should a greater awareness of what Christ has accomplished for us through His death and resurrection change our relationship with the world?

5. Read John 17:15-19. How do we balance Jesus' words here with Paul's commands in Colossians 3 to set our "hearts" and "minds on things above, not on earthly things"? Keeping Jesus' words in John 17 in mind, what do you think it means to "set your minds on things above"?

READ COLOSSIANS 3:5-10.

6. What do the sins listed in verse 5 and in verses 8-9 have in common? What does the presence of these sins in our lives reveal about our hearts?

7. What does Paul's command (v. 5) to "put to death . . . whatever belongs to your earthly nature," tell us about the attitude we should have toward the sinful attitudes and actions still present in us?

8. Do you always feel capable of putting to death your sinful attitudes and actions? Why or why not? How should remembering our position in Christ and what He has accomplished for us through His death and resurrection give us confidence in our fight against sin?

READ COLOSSIANS 3:11-17.

9. How does Paul describe our standing as believers before God in verse 12? How should our standing before God in Christ change the way we live on a daily basis?