



Dead to Sin

Would you continue to try to solve a problem that has already been solved? Of course not! The question itself is quite ridiculous. However, there is only one logical explanation to why someone would continue to try to solve a solved problem: Not knowing it has been solved in the first place.

Any former slave during the American Civil War can relate to this. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln executed an order called the Emancipation Proclamation, which proclaimed the freedom of nearly 3 million African Americans who were subject to slavery. However, many of the African Americans **did not know** of such a proclamation and continued to be slaves even years after they had been freed.

In like manner, many believers in Christ today are trying to deal with their sin issues and believe that “dying to sin” is achieved by trying to keep short accounts with God on a daily basis to obtain progressive sanctification, when in reality; Jesus Christ has already dealt with your sin once and for all. He executed an order called the Finished Work!

Romans 6:10

For the death that He died, He died to sin (noun) **once for all...**

When believers see the word “sin” in the book of Romans, they normally think of the action of sin (sin as a verb); however, out of the 49 times it appears in the book of Romans, only twice is translated as a verb. The original Greek word for “sin” as a verb is *hamartano*. The remainder of the 47 times the word “sin” is a noun, *hamartia*.

My point is this:

Unless you know what it is to be dead to the state of sin (noun), you will never be able to reign over actions of sin (verb).

Are you dead to sin? It’s time to know this.

Romans 6:6

Know this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with...

Know this: Jesus took care of our sin (noun) in His body and it died with Him. Why a noun? It refers to the driving force that compelled us to commit sinful actions. The Bible calls this driving force the “old man” or the “sinful nature”. The “old man” was our spirit man before receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Before we received Jesus as Lord and Savior, we were born into this world as a sinner. You did not become a sinner because of your sinful actions but because you partook of Adam's sinful nature - the Adamic nature. In other words, we were born of Adam through our parents. We were born with a sinful nature (our spirit separated from God).

The good news is God finished the root of the problem. He dealt with our sin-sinful nature (noun) once and for all, and once He dealt with it, He then took care of our past, present, and future sin-sinful actions (verb) also. He was made sin in every way, so we might become the righteousness of God. In short, being dead to sin means not just forgiveness of sins in the outside but also bringing life Himself in your inner core.

Romans 6:18, NLV

And having been set free from sin. Being the righteousness of God has power over you now.

Notice that you have been set free from sin-sinful nature (noun)! The truth is when you received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you were born again. In other words, you were born of God through Jesus Christ. This means that your “old sinful nature” was co-crucified with Jesus; then, your spirit was recreated totally new and holy (a resurrected being united together with God) via faith in Him, thus becoming the righteousness of God.

Charles Spurgeon said once,

- “The Scripture does not say, “Ye must be improved,” but, “Ye must be born again.”

Since you did not become a sinner through your sinful actions (but because you were born from Adam through your parents), in like manner, you did not become righteous because of your good actions (but because you were born of God through Jesus Christ.) You are no longer a sinner but righteous in Christ as a free gift apart from your works via faith in Him.

Romans 6:10-11, NLV

He died once but now lives. He died to break the power of sin, and the life He now lives is for God. You must do the same thing! Think of yourselves as dead to sin. But now you have new life because of Jesus Christ our Lord. You are living this new life for God.

You died to sin once. Now as the righteousness of God, you are compelled to live for Him from the inside out and not from the outside in. Knowing yourselves as dead to sin in Christ will empower you to overcome and reign over sin effortlessly. Amen!

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