

Free From Sin

Romans 6

1. Intro

1. Paul move us from freedom from the penalty of sin (justification, 1:18-5:21) to freedom from the power of sin (6:1).
2. He has explained “the righteous by faith”, and now is going to explain that we “shall live” by faith.
 1. If the cross was sufficient to deliver from the penalty of sin, here it is sufficient to deliver from the power of sin.
3. Implied in this chapter is the idea of sanctification (made holy, set apart)
 1. positional – by the work of Jesus (1-14)
 2. progressional (experiential)- our walk with Him. (15-21)

2. United with Him

1. Paul asks a rhetorical question in v1.
 1. It makes no sense for us to sin more just to see God's grace work even more.
2. We have died to sin (2)
 1. How? By being joined with Jesus in baptism.
 2. Could this be a two fold discussion?
 1. When we believe, by faith we are place into the body of Jesus by the Spirit (I Cor 12:12-13)
 2. We also, by obedience, follow Jesus' example and are baptized in water.
 1. Water baptism by immersion is a perfect image of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.
3. We are united with Him (5)
 1. The believer has been grafted into the death and resurrection of Christ and draws spiritual life from that connection (cf. John 15:1-11, vine).
 2. Since this is the case we are free from the power of sin (7)
 3. Being dead to sin we know we will live with Him (8)
 1. This should not be looked at just a future reference, but something that is also present.
 4. Because Jesus rose from the dead, the power of sin has been broken.(10)
 1. The result is that we are sanctified because of His work.
4. Being sanctified (set apart) we should consider the power of sin as broken (11)
 1. Consider means to “count something as true”
 1. God “counted” Abraham’s faith as righteousness (Gen 15:6)
 2. We must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God
 1. It is by “faith” that we are sanctified (positionally)
 3. When we were outside of Christ we didn't know anything else; now we make a choice.
5. At the centre of this holiness and Christ-likeness stands the work of Christ on the cross.
 1. His work has sanctified us.

3. Devoted To Something

1. Paul says we are devoted to something (16)
 1. If to sin then death will result.

2. If to obedience then righteousness and life.
3. He gives us an indication of our choices; you were once, but now (17-18)
 1. Joshua, speaking for God, gives Israel a choice (Josh 24:14-15)
4. We move forward in our daily walk which leads to greater sanctification.
2. He emphasis's that we are free from the power of sin (22)
 1. We cannot stay slaves to sin and expect to walk in a manner pleasing God (23)
 1. The results of sin is destruction (death)
 2. Gift of God is life for the ages.

4. Application

1. United
 1. Paul gives us a example of being united with Jesus.
 1. Through baptism; both spiritual and physical.
 2. If we are united with Jesus in this way then we are freed from the power of sin.
 3. It is through faith that we appropriate (take hold) this for ourselves.
 2. We need to give ourselves completely over to Jesus.
 1. It is now a Lordship issue; who is going to rule my life?
2. Devoted
 1. Paul indicates that life is either/or.
 1. Either we are serving God or serving ourselves.
 2. What is most important to us?
 2. If we look at our lives with open eyes, we will see that the habits and behaviours that we allow ourselves to indulge in will bring destruction to us.
 1. What is it that I cannot give up? Is it leading me away from better relationship with Jesus?
 3. We need to "work out our salvation" (Phil 2:12-13)
 1. That is being set apart everyday.

5. Conclusion

1. We are united to Jesus
 1. Like Siamese twins
 1. What He does we do
2. We are devoted to Him.
 1. He is our teacher, we are His student.