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Living in Christ Country

Romans 6:1-14

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Background

Those who are attached to Jesus have a new mailing address. They have moved out of Adam country into Christ country. And because they live in Christ country, grounded in the grace of the Gospel, they have "died to sin!" Yes, according to Paul, they have actually "died to sin" (6:2). Join us this Sunday as we explore what this good news means.

Sermon Text: *Romans 6:1-14*

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,^[a] that

we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday Questions:

1. Paul asked: *Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?* Paul's answer is a thunderous NO! Explain why not?
2. When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we "*died to sin.*" When you were baptized, did you feel this way? How do you feel now after hearing Shawn's message?
3. We died to sin by becoming attached to Jesus. How are we attached to Jesus? Give some examples.
4. We are "*dead to sin but alive to God!*" We live in Christ Country. Paul gives us three commands on how to live in Christ Country:
 - Do not let sin reign
 - Do not offer yourself to sin
 - Offer (every part of) yourself to GodHow can we achieve these? Do you have practical examples for each case?
5. Practically, "*Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*" The key is "in Christ Jesus." Can you share any life experiences of being dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus, and being free from sin's grip?