

Three Important Observations:

1. Everything hinges on Jesus' resurrection.
2. There are real-life implications.
3. There is an identity change

Sin is...

- Life outside of God's design.
- Brokenness in relationship with God, ourselves, others, and our world.
- Active and passive.
- Falling short of God's standards, design, and glory.
- Part of the human existence that fractures every part of life.
- Death.
- A terrible master.

In Jesus, we are set free by identifying with His death AND His resurrection.
(Romans 6:4-5,8)

- We are set free from the power of sin (active & passive) in our lives.
- We are set free to live new lives, empowered by Jesus' resurrection.

Living in freedom from the power of sin:

- Reckon (consider) sin as dead. (Romans 6:11)
 - Don't let it reign in your bodies. (Romans 6:12)
 - Don't offer any of yourself to sin. (Romans 6:13)

Living new lives, empowered by Jesus' resurrection:

- Offer yourself to God, all the parts of yourself. (Romans 6:13)
- Offer yourself in response to God's mercy. (Romans 12:1)
 - Jesus' life, death, & resurrection → belief → life change

One master leads to death, one master leads to eternal life. (Romans 6:23)

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

- Eternal life is a gift of God's grace, to be received not earned.

- Eternal life is both the quality and quantity of life that begins now.

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Death to Life, Then and Now

Pray:

Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

Looking back on this complete Easter season (Lent, Passover, Good Friday, Easter), what has God done in your life to draw you deeper into Him? How will you continue to live a surrendered life, empowered by His strength?

Looking Up:

What stood out to you as helpful, challenging, or confusing about the sermon?

What aspect of sin as described in the sermon are you experiencing most currently?

Romans 6 talks about considering/reckoning sin as dead. How are you learning to do this? How does this practically play out in your life?

Romans 6 (and 12:1) talk about offering yourself to God rather than to your old way of living. Talk about what actively offering yourself to God looks like and how they empowers you to live the life of freedom that Jesus' resurrection makes possible.

Pray:

What prayer needs did this sermon surface in you? Stop and pray for one another and those in your lives.

Looking Forward:

What step of action is Jesus calling you to take? Baptism? Living Free? Something else?

March's Memory Verse & Spiritual Practice: See the church app