

Walking in Victory Over Sin & Death

Romans 6:1-14 | October 5, 2025 | David Geldart | Tru Community Church

Song: The Lion and the Lamb

Song: Trust in God

Kayla: Reads Romans 6:3-5 ³ 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.

- 1) Cooper Mowry: Live prewritten testimony - Dave Baptizes
- 2) Cade Swanson: Prerecorded Testimony - Chris Baptizes, I hold mic
- 3) Parker Swanson: Prerecorded Testimony - Chris Baptizes, I hold mic
- 4) William Barrett: Live Testimony (prerecorded backup) - Dave Baptizes

KIDS DISMISSED - Dave

Song: Death Was Arrested

Welcome & Announcements – Dave

- 1) Welcome (Connect Cards)
 - a. No mingle today
- 2) But-- Cooper Mowry Party noon-2pm come and go
- 3) Giving
- 4) Double Your Impact Fundraiser Update & Call
 - a. God has provided this matching donation opportunity to us
 - b. He intends for us to step out in faith, and see him provide!
 - c. Prayerfully consider how much the Lord is inviting you to give to participate in this thing he is doing
 - d. Even with 2 weeks left! – He delights in providing miraculously for those who trust and follow him in faith.

[1] Sermon (Walking in Victory over Sin and Death—Rom 6:1-14)

- 1) **Last week** in our study about Walking In Victory through Romans,
 - a. Paul made the point to the Roman church that all of us inherit a sin nature in which death reigns,
 - b. and we're in desperate need for a new birth.
 - i. And also that through Jesus, God has overflowed grace to us who believe – far overwhelming our sin, as an ocean would a drop.

2) [2] Today we're in the 1st half of Rom 6, picking up right after that thought.

a. Romans 6:1-14: WALKING IN VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH

3) **All stand: Read Rom 6:1-14** (Cooper Mowry)

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4) Pray

5) [5] Should we go on sinning so that God's grace can keep flowing???

a. By No Means!

i. Bible speak for: HECK NO!!! or No Flippin Way!

6) Why?

a. Answer is NOT, Jesus wouldn't like that

b. But, you've actually died to sin and its power.

i. SO→How could you keep living in it???

7) Then Paul uses the familiar image of baptism to drive home his point

a. [6] Don't you know, that when you were baptized,

i. PUT INTO

b. When you went down into the water

i. it shows how you've been PUT INTO the death Christ died?

8) SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT!

a. Crazy

- i. Offensive to some—seems quite unfair – which it totally and wonderfully is!
 - b. And the best news!
 - c. We guilty sinners get to have JESUS take our punishment for us
 - i. DEATH!
 - d. On our behalf
- 9) [7] SO THAT, we can be not only declared righteous to God, but be raised with Christ to a new and victorious life
- a. FREED FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH
- 10) Today we're going to look at what it looks like to walk in Victory over both sin and death!

11)[8] Let's look at Walking in Victory over Sin first

- 12) Baptism pantomimes for us the spiritual reality of what happens when a person places their trust in Jesus
- a. They join with JC in his death for sin w/o actually having to die themselves
 - b. And so we also join with him in his resurrection w/o actually having to be found sinless
 - i. When we come back up out of the water, we're washed clean
 - ii. BAPTIZED!!! => William Barrett!
 - c. It's as if our old self buried, and our new self in Christ comes to life
 - i. Freed from it's power!
- 13) Sin and Death reigned, from Adam onward
- a. But when we were PUT INTO / BAPTIZED into Christ through faith, we were released from its power over us
 - b. They used to be our masters
 - i. Commanding and directing us as slaves
 - ii. We were unable to choose anything different.
 - 1. Sin and Death? What do you want from me? Yes Master.
- 14) But now, those shackles have been severed by Jesus!
- a. We can still choose to obey Our old masters, Sin and Death. TO live in the cell.
 - b. But we no longer have to
 - i. JESUS has set us free.
 - c. So we now have the ability, through the HS, to live holy lives.
 - i. This is a profound thing!
 - d. We'll still experience temptations
 - i. Though the shackles are severed, sin is still close at hand.
 - ii. Speaking to us, trying to convince us we're not actually free.
 - e. And so our sin nature is still around, even if it is neutered and hamstrung.
 - i. Until we're finally physically freed from our sin nature through our own death and resurrection.

15)[9] We no longer have to obey sin

- a. Paul is exhorting the believers in Rome, in light of this, to choose to live differently.

- b. Not continuing in their old sinful behaviors, and patterns of thinking, obeying evil desires
- c. But instead living holy, because they are holy
 - i. More about this next week*
- d. BECAUSE you've been set apart by God through Christ as holy
 - i. we should and can live lives in line with that new reality.

16)It's simple: Don't let sin reign any more in your life!

- a. We have a choice in the matter!

17)[10] Instead, offer yourself to obey your new master, God Himself

- a. For you are no longer under the law – relating to God on the basis of your performance and merit (and hopelessly falling short through sin)
- b. But you're now under grace – relating to God on the basis of his Great Grace for us,
 - i. a free gift of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal victory offered through Jesus our Lord.

18)NOTICE the critical order here

- a. BECAUSE YOU ARE already made new in Christ, you already ARE Holy, set free from sin
- b. THEREFORE, live and behave holy

19)This order is utterly critical because when we reverse the order, as so often we do, everything goes terribly wrong.

- a. If we reverse the biblical order, and instead put the cart before the horse, It become, LIVE A HOLY LIFE, IN ORDER TO BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD
- b. Then all you have at that point is mere human religion.
 - i. A system of dos and donts that shows one how to try to earn their right standing with God

20)So many Christians live like this

- a. Perhaps including some of us in this room
- b. Maybe not get it wrong on a test
 - i. But in practice, they live their lives as if they need to behave IN ORDER TO BECOME Holy.
- c. This is legalism – trying to please God based on our good behaviors
 - i. Or its flipside, license!
 - 1. There's no way to do it, so I might as well have some fun before I die!
- d. This is what it looks like to try to live the life of the spirit by the power of the flesh
 - i. And its futile!
- e. And leads to all sorts of abuse and wickedness, not to mention hypocrisy, anxiety, and despair

21)But this is not God's plan for us

- a. When we put the cart and horse in the right order, then we're called to Behave BECAUSE WE'VE ALREADY BECOME
- b. Walk in Holiness, SINCE YOU ALREADY ARE HOLY

22)Dallas Willard: Grace isn't opposed to effort. It's opposed to EARNING.

- a. So, instead of pouring our efforts into sin, we're now called to pour our efforts into righteous and holy living.
- b. Again, we'll talk more about that next week

23)[11] The other effect of this passage, this look at baptism, is that we've been freed to Walk in Victory over Death

- a. As baptism reminds us that we are buried with him into his death, we're also raised with him to new and eternal life!
- b. Since Jesus was resurrected to eternal life, we too will also be resurrected physically to eternal life

24)In light of the Gospel we hold to, we no longer need to fear death

- a. **Tim Keller**, in reflecting on this truth in a podcast I was listening to this week, recorded before he died of cancer,
 - i. says that everything comes back to the resurrection.
- b. If Jesus really did rise from the dead, that changes everything!
 - i. It means that no matter what you're dealing with, how bad it gets,
 - ii. How the terror of pain and sorrow and death tries to smother you
 - iii. Even how those you love die, and you come face to face with your own mortality...
- c. **If Jesus really did rise from the dead, everything's going to ultimately be alright**

25)His physical resurrection from the dead would mean that death really isn't the end.

- a. And that he really can offer us passage through death
- b. And he will raise us likewise back to life physically.
- c. And what's more, he not only going to raise us,
 - i. But the entire earth will be renewed and resurrected.
 - 1. Freed from the power and effects of sin and death
 - 2. All evil, fear, sorrow, pain, disease, and death itself will be done away with
 - ii. And we'll get to be there.
 - 1. In perfectly right living.
 - iii. Freed ourselves, never to die again, never to deal with sin or evil again
- d. And God will be with us. Jesus Christ will live with us, forever connecting Heaven and Earth.

26)No matter what we endure now, in light of that reality, its' going to be ok

- a. Heaven will make up for all
- b. And so we don't need to fear death any longer.

c. [12] 1 Thes 4:16-18

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up

together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

d. [13] 1 Cor 15:54-58

⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

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⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

27) What would it be like to live in light of this hope of resurrection?

- a. Freed from the terror and sting of death itself?
 - i. It really would be encouraging.
 - ii. Confidence building!
 - iii. Motivating for Holy Living
- b. Peace.
- c. Joy.
- d. Hope.
- e. Patience.
- f. Urgency of mission. (but not with haste.....)
- g. Sin would lose its draw
- h. And in all things, we'd both desire and be able to choose godliness**
 - i. We'd treat others as if they eternally mattered
 - i. And ourselves as if we mattered
 - ii. Not ultimate victims
 - iii. But victors over death through Jesus
- j. A holy confidence that would empower good works**
 - i. To our fellow believers
 - ii. To our neighbors
 - iii. Knowing that our labor in the lord is not in vain.**
- k. We'd hoard less, no longer trying to squeeze every ounce of pleasure, satisfaction, experience, from this life
 - i. Because this life IS NOT ALL THERE IS
- l. We'd be radically generous
 - i. Standing out in the midst of a culture of individualism and consumerism

- m. And we'd be constantly grateful
 - i. Joyful
 - ii. In every good thing we get
 - iii. And no stress over the things we lack
- n. God is good and the story ends well.

28) This is what the victorious life in Christ looks like

- a. Freed to walk in VICTORY over Sin and Death
- b. Therefore, don't settle for less!
 - i. For shiny passing things
 - ii. For Cotton Candy that dissolves in the mouth and never satisfies the depths
- c. Indeed, the ticket is not to try to tamp down our desires, but to increase them!
 - i. Set our sights on greater fulfillments and joys!
- d. [14] CS Lewis in *The Weight of Glory*

The New Testament has lots to say about self-denial, but not about self-denial as an end in itself. We are told to deny ourselves and to take up our crosses in order that we may follow Christ; and nearly every description of what we shall ultimately find if we do so contains an appeal to desire. ...Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

29) This call to the Christian Way, to the life of Holiness lived in light of the Resurrection, is itself a call to profound joy.

- a. Not that there's not pain mixed in for now
- b. But, like the analogy last week, the ocean of joy is so overwhelmingly greater than the drops of sorrow
 - i. That death itself is swallowed up in Victory

(invite the band up to begin playing)

30)[15] Brothers and Sisters – The invitation of Christ stands still!

- a. COME TO THE WATER
- b. And drink your fill
- c. Down past your toes, into the depths of your soul
- d. The infinite ocean of Christian joy and grace and victory is offered you
 - i. Living water that once drunk will slake your thirst forever
 - ii. Forever spoiling you for anything less

- iii. These lesser things we fool around with
 - iv. Scratching in the dirt, looking for amusement
- e. Don't be so easily pleased, dear ones
 - i. Far greater and more wonderful things are offered you!

31) Come to the Water

- a. If you've never placed your trust in Jesus Christ, Come to the Water
 - i. Give up on your self improvement project
 - ii. Or your self hatred project
 - iii. Give up all TO HIM -- And let him save you
- b. If you've never obeyed him in baptism, COME to the WATER
 - i. It's still warm, and we've got extra clothes!
- c. If you're IN CHRIST, And have died to sin, yet still fool around with the unholy life, living in sin as if
- d. COME TO THE WATER
- e. If you've never experienced freedom from the fear of death, in light of the Resurrection of Christ
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32) Jesus, the Living Water, is calling you forward

- a. He's calling you out into the water
- b. Deeper than you've yet been
- c. Where he is
- d. He's calling you, even today.
 - i. Can you hear his voice?
 - ii. He's calling your name
 - iii. Calling you to himself
 - iv. And to a life of victory
 - 1. Freedom from sin
 - 2. Victory over death and its chains
- e. He's calling you
 - i. What will you say today?

33) Do not harden your heart

- a. Call back to him now and let your soul respond with obedient faith
- b. Say yes
- c. Even though you don't fully understand
- d. Say yes
- e. Even when it seems scary
- f. Say yes
- g. Even when sorrows and pain and darkness surround you
- h. Say yes
 - i. And let him save you
- i. Not only from sin
- j. Not only from death

- k. But from a life wasted on lesser things
 - i. That will not only leave you unsatisfied
 - ii. But will dissolve like chaff in the wind in light of eternity

34)Brothers, Sisters

- a. Leave your lesser loves
- b. Consider yourselves dead to sin
- c. And alive to God

35)What business do you need to do with the Lord, right now?

36)His Holy Spirit is here now

- a. What do you need to say to him
- b. What do you need to hear him say to you?
- c. And what do you need to do in response to what he says?

37)I'll be down front during this next song if you want to come, to pray, to talk. And if necessary our elders and leaders will be available as well.

PRAYER

Song: Because He Lives



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