

HOW TO DEAL WITH SIN

THE DOCTRINE OF DEAD RECKONING

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- Romans 6:11

1. Romans 6 and Sin

- a. Romans 1-3 = Knowledge of sin
- b. Romans 4-5 = Salvation from our sins
- c. Romans 6-8 = Dealing with Continuing Sin
- d. The way we deal with sin reflects our understanding of what God is doing.

2. Ways People Deal with Sin

- a. Confess it to God – 1 John 1:9 (Lev 26:40-42) was a covenantal confession
- b. Ask for forgiveness: Mat 6:12,14-15, 1John 5:16; but it's already done Col 1:14, 2:13
- c. Bind it with the law; but the law is a curse, weak, and beggarly - Gal 3:13, Rom 7:5
- d. Ignore it - 1 John 3:6,9; but to be honest it is present in us
- e. Overcome it – 1 John 5:18, 5:1-4; but you are weak under the law Rom 8:3
- f. Sacrifice for it; make amends – Heb 9:26-10:3, 2 Pet 1:9

3. Do We Continue in Sin

- a. This doctrine is part of Paul's positional truth – Col 1:25-27
- b. The saying, “I'm just a sinner, saved by grace” needs to be reconsidered here – Rom 6:1
- c. Your life is no longer as a sinner, there is a new way of living by grace - Rom 6:2, 4-5

4. Dead with Christ

- a. We are identified with Jesus' death (he did not die by water) – 1 Cor 12:13, Rom 6:3
- b. His death was more than dying for sins, it is dealing with sin in you: Rom 6:6, 2Cor 5:21
- c. Death is a separation; a loss of power; a cutting off of life: you are crucified: Gal 2:20
- d. Things nailed to the cross = law Eph 2:15; ordinances Col 2:14; old man Rom 6:6
- e. Sin has no more power over you – Rom 5:20-21, 6:7, Gal 3:13, 1 Cor 15:56

5. Living Unto God

- a. “If we be dead”; this is a fact that needs to be reckoned – Rom 6:8
- b. The resurrection is more than Christ's body, it is your life in Christ – Rom 6:9
- c. Christ does not die for us every day; he did it once, you have changed – Rom 6:10
- d. Dead reckoning will keep us from “continuing in sin” – Rom 6:11, 8:10-13

6. How to Reckon

- a. Recognize the separation from the old man – Rom 6:11, Col 2:11
- b. Don't let it reign (doctrinally, positionally it doesn't) – Rom 6:12, 1 Cor 9:27
- c. Yield yourself to God, that is to do something with yourself – Rom 6:13, 2 Cor 5:14-15
- d. God has given you things to do – 1 Tim 2:4, Eph 2:10, 3:9-10