



Day 18 “Freedom from Sin”

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Key Verse: Romans 6:11 *“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”*

Sin shows its power over us in many ways. In Psalm 88, the author is tempted to despair. Suffering and darkness, the by-products of sin in our world, surround him and make him unable to hear God’s voice. In Jeremiah, God’s wrath and judgment are pronounced upon the people of Israel who have disobeyed him and “followed the stubbornness of their evil hearts” (11:8). In John, Jesus describes his listeners as children of the devil: murderers and liars. In all these ways and more, humans have proved over and over that we are enslaved to sin. But through Christ we are set free! We have been given the power of Christ’s resurrection, enabling us to crucify our sin and live a new life pleasing to God.

Prayer: *Jesus, thank you for the priceless gift of freedom from sin. Help me today, by the power of your Holy Spirit, not to follow my own desires but to live for your glory. Amen.*

Scriptures: Psalm 88, Jeremiah 11:1-8. 14-20, Romans 6:1-11, John 8:33-47