

Romans 6:1-13 Dead and Alive

A GREAT EXCHANGE!

A) Rick Norigian from Fresno Calif. Paid \$45 dollars at a garage sale- for a box of **glass photograph negatives**

B) They turned out to be the lost works of the one of the most revered landscape photographers in the world 1) **Ansel Adams — worth several million dollars**

C) I'd say that was a great exchange.

Andy Fields— paid \$5.00 for five sketches at a Las Vegas garage sale. – Ended up being the childhood works of Andy Warhol – worth an estimated 2 mill.

ONCE AGAIN – I WOULD SAY – GREAT EXCHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!

The greatest exchange ever is what Jesus did for us at Calvary and what we get as a result when we believe!

A) He took **our sin upon Himself** / He paid our debt –took our punishment – endured our shame.

Aa) We believe – the result – we go from Death to life, Hell to Heaven, separation to friendship.

B) We go from being powerless against sin and Satan **to Powerful – walk in victory.**

C) We go from being lost to being found – **Destitute to be destined.**

1) Poor and needy spiritually to Rich beyond belief– Co-heirs with Christ

D) We go from Wandering thru life searching for meaning to having meaning - purpose and direction.

1) **THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE GREAT EXCHANGE**

E) Tonight we are beginning a new section of the book of Romans – Chapters 6-8

1) How to Walk in the Victory we have in Christ

The first 8 chapters of the book of Romans can be divided in this way!

A) Chapter 1-3:20 is about the Doctrine of sin –

B) In this section we learn – how utterly sinful man is.

How depraved man is -

1) how guilty he is, how hopeless he is, how sin-bound and hell-bound he is.

C) We quickly learn that every problem that we see in society today –**can be traced back to what Paul describes about man in this first section.**

But the book doesn't end there! He doesn't leave us in the mire – Ch. 3:21-Ch.5 Doctrine of Salvation

A) How we are Justified – declared righteous –by grace thru faith alone.

B) Which is why – Romans has been called the **magna Carta of Christian liberty!**

1) Like a skilled masterful Lawyer – Paul builds His case for the believers position in Christ

C) We go from **being guilty and doomed to forgiven, freed, and Righteous in God's sight.**

D) But Paul also wants us to know that the work of Christ is not only JUDICIAL but it is EFFECTUAL

1) That is the focus of Chapters 6-8 -

E) In Chapters 6-8 Paul talks in detail about the results of Salvation.

The title of the message tonight is Dead AND Alive

A) You have heard the phrase – bring them in dead or alive

B) Well Paul wants us to understand – in our text tonight we are both Dead and Alive

1) Dead to sin – but ALIVE TO CHRIST –

C) How that is played out daily in our lives

D) Context Ch. 5:20-21

20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through

righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Where sin abounded – Grace super-abounded!

A) If sin is like Big Bear Mt – 7400 ft in elevation
Grace is like Mt Everest 29,035 ft in elevation.

B) God's grace dwarfs man's sin!

1) Sin abounded – Grace super abounded

That statement – would get two potential reactions from Paul's audience made up of both Jews and Gentiles.

A) To the staunch Jewish person who grew up in a system where they thought – you come into favor with God by keeping the Law –

B) Their reaction would be to accuse Paul of being **Antinomian** – or promoting lawlessness –

1) Basically saying – Paul you are saying how a person's life doesn't matter.

C) Argue - What about holiness – what about walking in Righteousness Paul?

D) A Jewish or a person with a religious legalistic background would respond to what Paul is saying

TELL THEM THE REST OF THE STORY!

The gentile on the other hand or the person who came from a non-religious background who lived a life of pleasing his flesh –

A) not thinking about God or the consequences – He could take Paul's words to mean – Far out –

B) if where sin abounds the grace of God SUPER ABOUNDS – I am going to really go for it in Sin – so that the grace of God – Super abounds –

C) There are even those who would suggest – **our Sin actually brings glory to God** –

1) so let's really sin – so that God's glory will be manifested.

Well Paul seemed to anticipate these sort of reactions – by the way he opens the 6th Chapter 6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not!

A) It is interesting to me to see how the other versions translate this phrase. **V2 Certainly not!**

B) The King James Version sounds horrified: "God forbid!"

1) Phillips seems to catch this same note of horror: "What a ghastly thought!"

C) The New English Bible puts it very simply, "No, no."

1) So here is a 'no-no' in the Christian experience.

D) But understand – this is not simply a ghastly thought to Paul –

1) Paul's reason is full of inescapable logic!

Here is the reason why Paul reacts so strong! V.2 How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

A) We died to sin – how can we continue to live in Sin!

B) Here is the LOGIC that Paul wants to confront us with **in answer to this question** – Shall we continue in Sin?

C) The answer – **No –NO – why? We died to sin!**

D) The rest of the chapter is merely an exposition of what Paul means by that!

This is often Paul's style:

A) Paul states the truth first, in a kind of nutshell summary, statement of what he wants to say –

B) then he logically takes his argument step by step and explains and expounds UPON it until it is perfectly clear.

C) That is what he does here. The whole truth that answers the question, **"Shall we go on sinning?"**

1) **ANS – NO WAY** –

D) Why? – **You died to sin!** – This is the crux of the matter –

E) Something happened to you when you came to faith in Christ –

1) **You DIED TO SIN!**

Note Paul is speaking in the aorist tense – something that has already happened – Past tense

A) it is a finished deal – we are not dying – but we have died. Finished work

B)How have we died to sin?

1)Died to the penalty of sin, (Jesus paid)

C)**Died to Sins Power** – no longer have to be reigned by my sin nature anymore

1)Died to sins claim on me – brought out of Adam and placed into Christ

Sin loses its stranglehold.

A)When a Christian “*dies to sin*” it puts an end to sin’s governing influence over that person’s life.

1) Sin no longer *calls the shots* and *sets the pace*.

B)Now we **have been brought to life in Christ** – and given power to walk in victory over the old sin nature.

C)Paul is going to give us a few pictures to illustrate his point – **You died to sin !**

First one is the idea of Baptism

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Understand he is not talking about Water Baptism here!

A)Water Baptism – you do to identify with Christ. Follower – Disciples {Symbolizes a death & Rez

B)But the Bible speaks of a Baptism that takes place when you give your life to Christ.

1)1 Corinthians 12:13 “**We are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.**”

C)It speaks of our Position in Christ – that we have been placed in Christ

1)Baptizo – immersed into Christ

D)Immersed into Jesus – His death – also his life!

E)Symbolism of Water Baptism – Death and a burial = Resurrection – Walk in this newness of life

1)Life after the spirit – no longer after the flesh

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection

Paul’s 2nd illustration comes from the world of agriculture. -

A)V. 5 **United** = The term means “grafted

B)When a twig is spliced into the trunk of another plant, and the two begin to grow as one, we call it a “**graft.**” – wires fused

Likewise, we get spliced into Christ - grafted into Jesus.

A) **We share in all that He has and all that He’s done**

B) **We have been immersed or grafted into his death but also into His Resurrection Life**

C)Big idea today is we are both Dead and Alive !

1)We’re dead to sin and we’re alive in Christ!

D)We don’t just share in the cross. We also share in His resurrection.

Dead to Sin and made Alive in Christ – so that now we might now walk in a newness of life, quality of life

A)new sphere – no longer in bondage or controlled by our old sin nature

B)Our old Sin nature no longer *calls the shots* and *sets the pace*.

1)Sin loses its stranglehold and it’s governing influence in our lives.

C)we are now free to walk in the power of this new nature.

1)A believer doesn’t just get a new paint job. God installs a new engine!

D)How do we make this truth the reality that we are living in as a follower of Christ!

1)Something we need to Know – 2 things to do

Know this:

A)Paul tells us in verse 6, “**Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with...**”

B) Paul says we need to know “our old man was crucified with (Christ).”

C) One a little boy came home from Sunday School, and said he’d learned that **Paul’s father was one of the thieves on the cross.**

B) His mom wondered where he’d gotten such a wild idea... He quoted Paul in Romans 6:6, “my old man was crucified with Christ...”

That’s not what Paul meant! But it’s close...

A) Paul’s father had a father, who had a father, who had another father... all the way back to Adam.

B) And what did Adam do? Adam sinned. He bombed. **It was the original Adam bomb.**

1) And worse, sin passed down to Adam’s descendants – to all human beings who’ve ever lived.

2) We were born with a sin nature.

C) This is what Paul calls “**the old man.**” (old sin nature) It’s who you were before you came to Jesus.

1) It’s the part of you that was governed by sin.

But when you died with Jesus “the old man” (old sin nature) was crucified with Christ. – Grafted into that

A) that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

B) – **Done away with** in the Greek is **Katargeo** it doesn’t mean annihilated or completely destroyed

C) It means – rendered inactive or inoperative. it was just paralyzed

Coach Matthews – mean throw balls – Run until we threw up!

A) Run into him at target – 20 lapses – throw up.

B) Not doing that – why? His power is dead to me – no longer on his team -

1) He can yell at me all he wants {Power has been rendered inactive – no longer on his team.

C) Our sin nature – yells – entices – remember when

1) Children of Israel missing Egypt – Slaves

D) Our old nature can yell and scream all it wants but – Paul’s point rendered inactive

1) You CAN SAY NO!

This body has been trained to sin, trained to react in the flesh, trained to give into fleshly tendencies,

A) OLD HABITS DIE HARD!

B) But victory starts when we understand that the old man has been rendered inactive !

C) New nature in Christ!

See when a believer is struggling in a habitual sin

A) the issue is NOT that the sin more powerful than Christ or that the believer is incapable of victory –

B) What it means is that – he is forgetting **He is not knowing** - that He has Died to that sin nature–

1) the power of that old man has been rendered inactive

Two old country boys were playing with a turtle they found crossing the road. One fellow pulled out his knife and chopped off the turtle's head - yet the turtle's body kept walking along the blacktop. It caused an argument...

The first fellow said, "That turtle is dead, it doesn't have a head". The other guy replied, "No, how can a turtle be dead when it's still walking?"

Just then up came Bubba. They asked him to settle the issue. "Bubba, is that turtle dead or not?" Bubba pondered the situation, then he replied, "Well boys, it seems to me the turtle's dead, he just don't know it yet!"

Too often that is our problem – We don’t know it – Not appropriating – the Truth of who we are in Christ.

A) So consequently – what we do is we focus on the sin – **we focus on trying to change ourselves –**

B) Forgetting that - Now you are joined to Christ – you have a new nature –

1) Jesus now wants to control your flesh.

C) Rather than try to change myself - in Christ, God’s Spirit is working His changes in me.

This is the point- Paul wants us to grab a hold of the truth of who we are in Christ – Effectual –

A)Joined in his death – Sins power destroyed – Sins claim on us – broken

B)Joined in his Resurrection - Power of the resurrected life is in me – So walk now in that reality!

1)Don't be enticed and intimidated by sin any more!

C)Know it – Jesus said – You shall Know the truth and the truth will make you free – Know it

1)No need to KEEP ON DYING

V.8 Now if (Since) we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Jesus died and rose – He doesn't keep dying – Died once and for all to purchase our redemption

A)He rose to give us life – He is our example and our energizer – He rose to live for God –

B)We have been brought to life to do the same – No longer be controlled by our old sin nature – **Dead – rendered inactive –**

C)Now we have been given new life – we can now live for God – no longer being dominated by our Flesh – KNOW IT –

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me

2nd Reckon it

A)In verse 11 Paul reiterates this point, "**Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord...**"

B)Now the way Paul's uses the term is not how a person from the South uses the expression.

C) Ask him if it'll rain tomorrow, and he respond, "I reckon so!"

1)he is saying, "*I guess so*" or "*it might*" or "*I hope so*",

D)but if Paul said, "***I reckon its going to rain***" he'll be taking an umbrella with him.

The Greek word translated "reckon" means "to consider it so" - "to treat it as if it's true".

A)a term used in accounting which means to add up the numbers or the facts & see that they are so!

B)See that this is a fact ! He's saying, consider it a ***done deal. Act accordingly.***

1) I have Died to Sin / raised w/ Christ / Old man rendered in active !

C)Appropriation

1)Example lost your Job & you are in Debt - 10,000 dollars Living in poverty barely surviving / old clothes / little food /

D)Friend writes you a check for \$25,000 / Now to appropriate the Check - you have to cash it ! /

1)Then use it to pay off your debt

E)The rest to live on / you could buy some new clothes / get some food / go out to the Ruth' if you wanted to

1) But lets say you didn't think the Check was any good so left it in your wallet / never cashed it

Now if that was the case / the reason for your poverty would be because you didn't appropriate the check ! Didn't put it into the account !

A)Your poverty would be due to your failure to really believe what your friend did for you !

B)The Same is true concerning the Work of Christ on our behalf

C)The question is not whether His provision is sufficient but whether or not we reckon it to be true !

God wants you to change the way you see yourself.

A)Don't just see yourself as a ***struggling sinner*** - see yourself as a ***victorious saint.***

B)This isn't mental gymnastics, or the power of positive thinking.

1)Paul is not telling us to think into existence something that's really not true.

D) *Considering it so doesn't make it so. We consider it so because it is so!*

E) *"To reckon it so"* - is to learn to see yourself as God sees you.

Remember the story of the ugly duckling?

He was actually a beautiful swan, but he was bred a duck. The other ducks considered him strange, and odd, and always put him down.

He was an ugly duck... and every afternoon he would look across the lake at the elegant swans on the other shore, and wish he was a swan.

Until one day he noticed his reflection in the edge of the water - and for the first time he saw himself as he truly was. He wasn't an ugly duckling after all, but a beautiful, elegant swan.

The realization changed his life.

If you're a Christian you're a beautiful swan, not an ugly duck.

A) It's time you looked in the mirror of God's Word, and saw yourself as you truly are!

B) **Then act accordingly** – this is the 3rd word Present: Rom 6:12-14

12 Therefore – Knowing you are dead to sin – knowing you are alive in Christ – Knowing that the old man has been rendered in active – You have added up the Facts

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

A) Idea – Here is how I have victory over the flesh – I believe what God says about me – act accordingly

1) Present my members..body to righteousness

B) The things I used to constantly present to unrighteousness

1) now I present them to Christ - as members of Righteousness.

C) Instead of being what I once was in my flesh– I am now being who I now am in Jesus!

Meant to be positive:

A) Instead of trying not to sin and not obey lustful desires

B) Because I believe that I am a new Creation in Christ –

1) Died to that sin nature – the power of the old man has been rendered in active

C) Now I am going to make choices that reflect who I am in Christ. **POSITIVE**

1) Jesus in me gives me the power to do resist sin and to live in Victory

D) In that is victory:

1) Present my mind to God's word instead of porn or instead of lustful desires

Memorize scripture: Speak it –

A) Presenting my mouth toward righteousness

B) Those things that used to be 2nd nature – die

1) New things will become 2nd nature

Next week – talk more about – what presenting our members looks like. Very specific

New Creation- Free –

Old man – rendered in active –

Start presenting yourself to Jesus – Surprised