

Who gets the keys?

Romans 6:12-14

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

- General command: Be proactive against sin – 6:12 *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.*
- Specific action: Present yourself to God as who you really are – 6:13 *Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.*

Psalms 19:13a

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

Psalms 119:133

Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

- Confirmed promise – 6:14 *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

Douglas Moo: “To put a stop to the reign of sin—to stop engaging in those sins that have too often become so habitual that we cannot imagine *not* doing them—is a daunting responsibility. We feel that we must fail. But Paul then reminds us of just what we have become in Jesus Christ: “dead to sin, alive to God.” There has already taken place in the life of the believer a “change of lordship” (Paul could hardly use the verb *kyrieuō* without thinking of the real *kyrios* of the Christian), and it is in the assurance of the continuance of this new state that the believer can go forth boldly and confidently to wage war against sin. This promise is confirmed by the assurance that “you are not under law but under grace.”¹

How do we practically live out considering ourselves dead to sin and alive to Jesus Christ?

- 1) Soak in the Scripture at home: Think truth. Think God’s thoughts.
- 2) Show up with the Team: Maximize your weekend by prioritizing Sunday morning with your faith family.
- 3) Surround yourself with people who think Christianly.
- 4) Seek to reach those far from God.

¹ Douglas J. Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996), 387.