

Alive in Christ: Facing the Battlefield of Life

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Memory Verse: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

- I. God's grace is not an _____ for continual sinning, but a gentle way of leading us to repentance because of God's love shown on the cross & victory over the grave. (Romans 6:1-4)
- A. "Don't you see how wonderfully _____, _____, and _____ God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his _____ is intended to turn you from your sin? (Romans 2:4)"
- B. "The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.... He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. (Psalm 103:8, 10)"
- C. We sin because there is some attraction and pleasure attached to sin, however, ultimately it leads to _____ and distancing with God, friends, family, and our community. (Romans 6:23)
- D. Battling sin is a _____ battle. The Spirit of Christ within us is at war with sin of the flesh (Romans 7:15-20, Galatians 5:17)
- E. Praise God that Jesus is _____ over sin and his resurrection is the proof of this. (1 Corinthians 15:14, 20)

Vital Questions To Ask As A Christian:

- Can God's forgiveness overcome the great weight of my sins?
 - Does my heart trust by faith that his blood cleanses me of all unrighteousness?
- II. Because Christ's death and resurrection has authority over sin, hell, and the grave we too as his followers are _____ and are not a slave to sin, hell, and the grave (Romans 6:5-12).
- A. Hebrews 10:10 notes, "For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, _____ for all time. (NLT)"
- B. Christ broke the _____ of sin. (Romans 6:10).
- C. Romans 13:14 states, "Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires. (NLT)"

- III. There are three ways to walk in our relation to God;
- A. Irreligious
 - B. _____
 - C. Gospel and _____ centric (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - D.
- IV. So what?
- A. Jesus' resurrection and victory over sin helps us to know that _____ who ask's Him for forgiveness will be forgiven.
 - B. When we are _____ to others and if someone tells us sins let us treat them with love knowing that there isn't any sin that is to great for the forgiveness and love of Jesus.
 - C. Let us _____ in our heart that Jesus has the capacity to forgive all our sins and not just the little sin.
 - D. We should love others with a deeper and grace giving love because we have been loved in such a great way.