

## A WEAPON for Good OR Evil ~ Romans 6:8-14

→Scripture Reading Rom. 6:9-13

### INTRODUCTION

**Romans 6:1-2** (NIV) <sup>1</sup>...Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

**Hebrews 10:11-14** (NIV) Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when THIS PRIEST had offered for all time ONE SACRIFICE for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup> Since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, <sup>14</sup> because by ONE sacrifice He has made PERFECT forever those who are BEING made holy.

We can live in a new way to the extent that we EMBRACE by faith our NEW IDENTITY as those united with Christ. ApSB

### Death has NO DOMINION ~ Romans 6:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. <sup>10</sup> The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God.

Jesus DIED because He took sin upon Himself, but His resurrection demonstrates that He has DEFEATED both sin and death. ESV

### Sin Will NOT be Your MASTER ~ Romans 6:11-14

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

We COUNT ourselves dead to sin when we respond to temptation AS a dead man would. McDonald

This is not a command but a PROMISE that sin will not triumph in the lives of Christians. ESVN

**Romans 6:14** (NLT) Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the FREEDOM of God's GRACE.

### IMPLICATIONS

→Sin is not DEAD in Christians - it is something we need to FIGHT against ALWAYS

<sup>12</sup>...do NOT let sin REIGN in your mortal body...

→Although sin can REIGN in our BODIES it does not NEED to

<sup>13</sup>...do NOT OFFER any parts of it to sin as WEAPONS for unrighteousness... (HCS)

<sup>12</sup>Do not let SIN CONTROL the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. (NLT)

→We are Commanded to CONSIDER ourselves DEAD to sin

<sup>11</sup> ...COUNT yourselves dead\_to sin but ALIVE to God

<sup>11</sup> So you also should CONSIDER yourselves to be DEAD to the power of sin and ALIVE to God through Christ Jesus. (NLT)

→We are CHALLENGED to OFFER ourselves to God

<sup>11</sup> ...count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus

<sup>12</sup> ...do not let sin REIGN in your mortal body

<sup>13</sup> ... offer yourselves to God

TAKE AWAY ??

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58** (NLT) <sup>54</sup> Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power.

<sup>57</sup> But thank God! He gives us VICTORY over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically FOR the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

**1 Corinthians 15:58** (NIV) ...my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is NOT in vain.