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Romans: Rooted in Jesus In Christ Under Grace

Romans 6:11-14

Questions and Discussion:

1. Paul says that we shouldn't allow sin to reign in our bodies by obeying its passions. Let's rephrase this verse, "Don't let sin reign, by obeying the passions of your mortal body." Our mortal body is not just our physical appetites but all the desires within our inner man as well. The combination of our heart's desires and our physical appetites can be a deadly combination. What do you think about His statement? What does it tell you about the source of sin's power?
2. He continues urging us not to present our "members" as tools for unrighteousness. The word "members", doesn't refer to your limbs exclusively, but to all your faculties and abilities. This is counter balanced with his next statement, "present yourselves to God," referring again to our whole person. In other words, "don't allow any part of you to participate in unrighteousness." What kinds of things would this include? Would there be any part of us excluded? How does this address the modern idea that what matters is what's in my heart, not what I do with my body?
3. Paul tells us to present ourselves to God. Again, this refers to our whole selves and everything about our daily activities (careers, athletics, hobbies, vacations, etc.) Have you considered God's claim on everything about you?
4. What does verse thirteen say about our relationship with God through Jesus? What does it say about our dependence on God in our battle against sin?
5. Verse fourteen gives us a great promise: "sin will have no dominion over you." Remember, Paul speaks with indicatives (statements of truth) paired with imperatives (commands). Notice that Paul doesn't say we won't sin but that the power of sin, the reign of sin is broken. How is this encouragement?
6. The Apostle says that we're not under the law but we're under grace. Based on today's sermon, what is he telling us? What does it mean to no longer be under the law? Does it mean we don't have to obey God's law? What does it mean to be under grace? Reconsider the context of Romans 5.
7. What are you learning from the Holy Spirit? How is the Spirit calling you to respond?