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Text : Romans 6: 6-14

WHAT HAS MASTERED YOU?

What is it at this moment that is out of control in your life and is bigger than you? What are you a slave to?

“The enemy takes you further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay and charges you more than you want to pay. Once you are hooked on the pleasure, he exposes the price-tag”.

Notice the word "**knowing**" in **verse 6**. This is a word that means "**to know by personal experience.**" To be free, there are some things that we need to know for sure!

These verses tell us how to walk in that freedom. You have been set free by the Lord Jesus Christ! You have been eternally liberated from the power of sin!

- **We Are Crucified With Christ (Romans 6:6-7)**

The Reality of Our Death (verse 6a)

God says that we "Know" (v. 6) that the old man is crucified with Christ! We need to understand that we who died with Jesus at Calvary. When He died, we died!

When Jesus died for sin on the cross, He dealt with EVERY aspect of sin and addiction completely. Every Christian needs to know that they are DEAD!

Typically, our problem is not that God hasn't given us all we need to avoid evil, our problem is that we like it too good to stop doing.

The Results of Our Death (verses 6b-7)

- That sin might be destroyed
- We are free from sin and evil influence of our nature
- That we should experience true spiritual freedom

Will the Christian sin? Yes (1 John 1:8-10)

Does he have to? NO! (1 Corinthians 10:13)

- **We Are Alive in Christ (Romans 6:8-9)**

The Truth of Our Position

- Our Placement in Christ (verse 8)

When He died, we died! When He arose, we arose! We are in Him!

- Our Pattern in Christ (verses 9-10)

Believers in Christ enjoy permanent victory over sin. We have been given the privilege of living a victorious life by the power of His resurrection.

Conclusion:

The flesh, the world and the devil have no control over the child of God.
We are free in Christ. Free to live for Christ. Free from the bondage of sin and addiction.
Free by the power of God's powerful and amazing grace!

When we can learn to see our flesh as being dead, then we are on the road to permanent victory! We must come to the place where we are willing to accept the Word of God as our reality, regardless of what we think or feel.

Practical Advice:

Fight it spiritually – recognise the things that tempt you, practice self-control and restraint

Use God's weapon – The Word, Prayer, Holy Spirit

Build a Solid Support System – Be accountable

Programme your Environment – Stay away from sources of temptation

Consciously invest your time in good habits, service and praise.