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# **New LIFE Fellowship Announcements:**

**LIFE GROUP – this week at 6:30 pm**

**Thurs. evening @ the Thomas'**

**→ End Time Prophecy Series ...**



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our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

**Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →**



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# Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...

## Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! (God forbid!) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **NEWNESS of LIFE** (i.e.: **NEW LIFE**).

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup>**knowing this**, that our old man (i.e.: our old sinful nature) was **crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be **done away with**, that we should **NO** longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup>For he who has **died** has been **FREED** from sin.

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<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> **KNOWING** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin **ONCE FOR ALL**; but the **LIFE** that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, **RECKON** yourselves to be **TRULY DEAD** to sin, but **ALIVE** to God in Christ Jesus our **LORD**.

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Romans 6:1-14

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its LUSTS. <sup>13</sup> And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being ALIVE FROM THE DEAD, and your members as INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO GOD. <sup>14</sup> For sin SHALL NOT have DOMINION over you, for you are not under law but UNDER GRACE.

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

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1 John 5:19 - We know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD LIES UNDER THE SWAY OF THE WICKED ONE. → the world system is like a puppet of the devil**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

The longer that we were slaves of sin, the more ingrained the “ways” and “habits” of sin are ... the deeper they are.

They were a part of us, and very much our friend. It was a part of our identity, intertwined and integrated in us.

**Christ set us free ... but that does not mean sin does not try to influence us. Our old sinful nature still exists in us, and tries to get us to disobey God. It wants us to have the OLD Desires, the old sinful desires we used to have ... to kindle those old desires to obey the sinful desires of SIN.**

**God says that we are to NOT obey its desires anymore ...**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

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**The Thief only comes for one thing: to Steal, Kill, and Destroy**

**(John 10:10)**

## **Genesis 4:1-8**

**Now Adam had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup> Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup> So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. <sup>4</sup> Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;**

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<sup>5</sup> but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> IF YOU DO WELL, WILL NOT YOUR COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP? And IF YOU DO NOT DO WELL, SIN IS CROUCHING AT THE DOOR; AND ITS DESIRE IS FOR YOU, BUT YOU MUST MASTER IT." <sup>8</sup> Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

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**So, in Genesis 4, God personifies SIN as a living being, like an animal crouching like a LION ready to POUNCE on its prey ... like a LION seeking whom he may devour.**

**CAIN had a choice ... he could TRUST and OBEY God and “his countenance would be encouraged” OR ... he could fall victim, fall prey to SIN’s deadly POUNCE and obey sin ... we know the Cain killed Abel, it was a choice**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

**The root of all types of sin is a LIE ... a lie or a set of lies. Those lies come from Satan himself, if you trace them all back, since Jesus called Satan, the father of all liars ... and murderer since the beginning... you see he lied to Adam and Eve and we all died, Satan murdered the human race with a lie. Sin's power is the lie. Deception, lies, half-truths ... They are like become Strongholds and Fortresses in our lives and see to entrench themselves and become command and control centers.**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

The root of all types of sin is a LIE ... we used to be enslaved by SIN, living under SIN's control, dominated by SIN, the World, the Devil ... but Christ Set us Free... but just like the land of Israel, when Joshua went in to free up the land of the Canaanites and replace the Canaanites with Israelites ... some of the Canaanites took longer to UPROOT than others. Same thing with us, in our lives. Christ – Jesus (Yeshua) ... our Joshua, is setting us Free... We've been set free (Legally, Positionally) ... now He is setting us Free ACTUALLY.... Setting us free of one stronghold after another... things that used to ENSLAVE us and were our Friends and we defended them, etc.

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

**Remember the African Slaves here in America ... Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, etc.? Did you know it took many, many years for many former slaves to experience their full freedom. Some went back to their former slave owners. Some never left, others just did not know what to do with freedom.**

**In the same way ... although we've been set free from sin ... we can have difficulty experiencing full freedom from the power of sin in our lives ... or even progressive freedom ... being set free step by step more and more increasing freedom, etc. Some of us need to put on the armor and demolish some strongholds...**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

**Jesus said that if we ABIDE in His Word, we would truly be His disciples, and we would KNOW the Truth and the TRUTH would set us Free. (John 8:31)**

## **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

**<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (not human/earthly/worldly) but mighty in God for PULLING DOWN STRONGHOLDS, <sup>5</sup> CASTING DOWN ARGUMENTS AND EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTS ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**



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**Those Strongholds are composed of LIES, Vain Speculations, Vain Imaginations, Empty Arguments against God, beliefs and ideologies that Question God's Word, His existence, His right to be King in our lives, etc. They are entrenched and must be destroyed, pulled down, and uprooted out of our lives.**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

**Sin's Fortresses, Sin's Strongholds ... FORT DESIRE ...**

**Before Christ came, I was BOUND in SIN ... SIN set up multiple fortresses, strongholds in my life, entrenched itself in my life deeply. When Christ set me free from the Penalty and the Power of Sin, most of those fortresses, or remnants of them still exist and I need to allow Christ to UPROOT them out of my life. The roots are vain speculations, imaginations, lies, deceptions and half-truths I still may hold to be true, but they are actually lies. I must be set free from their control and then I must, in Christ's power UPROOT them just like the Canaanites. Some may have "iron chariots" ... "intimidating powerful"**

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**Jesus said that His Truth would Set me free if I KNEW it, if I made my Home (ABIDE) in His Truth ... (John 8:31)**

**Those OLD STRONGHOLDS, still want to have power in my life, but I must MASTER them, I must PULL THEM DOWN... since they are made out of lies, deceptions, half-truths, arguments against God, prideful arrogance against God, entitlement (God owes me), etc... they are all DISPLACED when I Embrace, Know, Understand, Believe, TRUST IN God's Holy Word, the TRUTH. TRUTH REPLACES and DISPLACES LIES & DESIRES Change...**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

**I must, therefore have my DESIRES changed in my New Heart in Christ. I must reject sin's desires and choose the desire God's wants me to have**

**Psalm 37:4 - Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart**

**I will NOT Obey God, unless I WANT to ... unless it is my desire to. God gives me New Desires as I grow in my relationship with Him. When I was born again in Christ, I immediately desired Him (to have a deep relationship with Him), to know His Word, and to Obey Him. I never had those desires before. If God is King, sin will not be king**

# **Sin No Longer Reigns in Me ...**

**For sin shall not rule you as king and control you, for you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14**

**God Grace is more powerful than any force of sin in the whole universe. The Free Gift of Salvation in Christ in our lives, is His POWER → The Gospel for Christ is the Power of God unto Salvation = Rescue = Deliverance --- Jesus came to set the captives FREE!!!**

**So what's our part? → Trust and OBEY for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus ... Surrender our life, body, and all to Him Believe Him! AND Read, Study & Memorize Scripture AND Obey Him. The more we obey Him from the heart, the more He sets us free & replaces sin's strongholds with Himself and His character**

**See y'all Next Time we Gather...**

**@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week**



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