

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) We are saved by God's amazing grace.
 - i) It is nothing that we do.
 - ii) He does it all.
 - (1) You will be saved as you trust Him by His grace.
 - iii) We can do nothing to earn salvation.
 - iv) God does not require us to do anything.
 - v) Jesus Christ has done it all.
- b) Being saved by grace is not a license to sin.
 - i) It is not sinning that proves grace.
 - ii) It is not sinning that recognizes grace.
 - iii) Romans 6:1-2
- c) There is nothing that liberates someone from a life of sin like God's amazing grace.
- d) God's plan for our lives is victory.
 - i) Not victory sometimes, but victory all of the time.
 - ii) Not victory in some places, but victory in every place.
 - iii) We are to have continual, contagious, and conspicuous victory.
- e) In today's message, we will look at three key words found in Romans 6.
 - i) If we understand the meaning of these words, then we will understand the abounding victory that comes through amazing grace.
 - (1) Knowing – Romans 6:6
 - (2) Reckoned – Romans 6:11
 - (3) Yield – Romans 6:13
 - (a) Knowing deals with fact.
 - (b) Reckoning deals with faith.
 - (c) Yielding deals with function.
- f) We do not continue in sin that grace may abound, but abounding grace gives us amazing victory through the Lord Jesus Christ.

2) OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST (ROMANS 6:6)

- a) Our identification with Christ is a matter of fact that we must know.
 - i) Romans 6:6
- b) We have become one with the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - i) We have become one with Him because He became one with us.
 - ii) He took our humanity that we might take His deity.
 - (1) Not that we are gods, but that God lives in us.
 - iii) He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.
 - (1) He took our nature that we might take of His nature.
 - iv) We are identified with Him.
- c) Identification tells us that when Christ died, we died with Him.
 - i) This deals with sin's power.
 - (1) Romans 6:6
 - (2) Jesus did not just take our sins to the cross; He took us to the cross.

- (a) If He had simply died for our sins, then that would have still left us.
 - (i) And we are the problem.
 - (b) The cross does not merely deal with our sin; but it deals with us, the source of our sin.
 - (i) When He died, He died for me; therefore, I died with Him on that cross.
- ii) This deals with the penalty of sin.
 - (1) When a criminal dies, two things are true:
 - (a) There is no more trial.
 - (b) There is no more punishment.
 - (i) When he is dead, the penalty of the law fails.
 - 1. It's over.
 - 2. The case is dropped.
- iii) When dealing with the power of sin, we have the example of a slave and his master.
 - (1) A slave's master tells him what to do.
 - (2) But when the slave dies, the master has no more power over him.
- iv) Satan has been the slave master.
 - (1) When we died on that cross, the penalty and power of sin have been done away with.
 - (2) Romans 6:6-7
 - (a) We are freed from sin.
- d) Not only did we die with Him, but we were also buried with Jesus.
 - i) Romans 6:3-4
 - ii) The Bible puts an emphasis upon the burial of Jesus Christ.
 - (1) It is part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - (a) 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - iii) In Bible times when someone died, the Jewish people would bury the dead as quickly as possible.
 - iv) The person we were before we were saved dies and is buried with Jesus.
 - (1) Therefore, Satan cannot intimidate us with the bones of our old lives.
 - (a) Our sins are in the grave of God's forgetfulness.
- e) Not only did we die with Him and were we buried with Him, but we have also been raised with Him.
 - i) Romans 6:4
 - ii) We are not with Him still in the grave because He is not in the grave.
 - (1) He has a life that the tomb could not keep.
 - iii) When Jesus came out of the grave, we came out of the grave to walk in newness of life.
 - (1) We are not just forgiven, patched up people; we are brand new.
 - (2) We have resurrection life.
 - (a) Galatians 2:20
 - iv) The symbolism of this is baptism.
 - (1) Romans 6:3-4

- (2) Baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection that happens when we trust Christ.
 - (a) Baptism does not make it so; it shows it so.
- (3) Water baptism is the symbol of our spiritual death, burial, and resurrection.
- (4) We baptize by immersion because you cannot bury a corpse with a few grains of sand nor with a few drops of water.
 - (a) The only water baptism that is taught in the Bible is by immersion because it pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - (b) It is a liquid tomb.
 - (i) It is where the old person (who we were before salvation) is buried symbolically.
 - (ii) We go into the water to say goodbye to the old man, and we come out of the water to show that we have been raised to walk in newness of life with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- v) The church has two ordinances:
 - (1) The Lord's Supper
 - (2) Baptism
 - (a) The Lord's Supper pictures Christ's death for the believer.
 - (b) Baptism pictures our death with Him.
- f) There is a fact to believe.
 - i) It is something we must know.
 - (1) Romans 6:6
 - (2) When Jesus died, we died.
 - (3) When Jesus was buried, we were buried.
 - (4) When Christ came out of that grave, we came out of that grave.
 - (a) This is identification.

3) APPROPRIATION OF CHRIST (ROMANS 6:11)

- a) Romans 6:11
- b) The appropriation of Christ is a matter of faith.
- c) The word "reckon" is a bookkeeping term.
 - i) It is to figure.
 - ii) It is not a matter of feelings, but it is a matter of fact.
 - iii) Once we have the fact, then we can begin to calculate on that fact.
 - (1) We begin to act according to that fact.
 - iv) Reckoning is not closing our eyes and pretending.
 - (1) It is faith acting on what we know to be true.
- d) Knowing is a matter of fact, and reckoning is a matter of faith in that fact.
 - i) When someone is saved, they say that they believe that Jesus Christ died for their sins.
 - (1) They were not there when it happened.
 - (2) They did not see it literally with their own eyes.

- (3) But they say that it is the truth; therefore, they reckon.
 - (a) They stand on the fact that their sin has been paid for.
 - e) Not only did He die for us, but we died with Him.
 - i) If the old man (the person we were before salvation) is dead, then why do we still struggle? Why are we not living in victory?
 - (1) We have to get the fact, and then we have to learn how to reckon on that fact.
 - (a) We need to set aside our feelings and go by what we know to be true.
 - (b) The fact is that we were crucified with Christ, we were buried, and have been raised again.
 - (i) Now, we need to reckon on this fact.
 - (ii) This is a matter of faith.
 - f) The word “crucified” in the Greek language means that it took place once and for all.
 - i) It is never to be repeated.
 - g) The word “reckon” is in the present tense and means that it’s something we are to continually do.
 - i) Day after day, we are to reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive unto God.
 - (1) Sin’s penalty does not stand against us.
 - (2) Sin’s power is broken over us.
 - (a) If we do not believe this, then we will never have victory.
 - (b) We must believe what He tells us to believe.
 - (i) Romans 6:11
 - (3) If this ever really gets into our hearts, then we will be delivered.
 - h) There is a reckoning to believe and to put into our hearts by faith.
 - i) Colossians 3:3
- 4) OUR SUBMISSION TO CHRIST (ROMANS 6:12-14)
- a) Our submission to Christ is a matter of function.
 - i) We must yield to it.
 - ii) This is how God’s amazing grace becomes abounding victory.
 - b) Romans 6:12-14
 - i) If sin reigns in us, it’s only because we let it.
 - (1) It doesn’t have to anymore.
 - ii) In this passage, the word “members” refers to our hands, feet, eyes, tongue.
 - iii) This is the key that will deliver us.
 - c) Romans 6:1
 - d) When we trust Christ, we get imputed righteousness; but we also need practical righteousness.
 - i) This is done when there is a matter of fact (something we know), and then we reckon on that fact.
 - (1) We say that the fact is true.

- (2) We reckon or believe it and take it by faith.
- (3) Then, there is the matter of function.
 - (a) Here is where the victory begins; to yield to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- e) How do we yield?
 - i) Romans 6:12-13
 - ii) We can say to the devil that we do not have to obey him.
 - (1) Before we were saved, we could never say that.
 - iii) We can say to the flesh that we do not have to obey it.
 - (1) Before we were saved, we could never say that.
 - iv) We were slaves to Satan and the flesh.
 - (1) Now, we do not have to obey them.
 - (2) We can choose against Satan, self, and sin.
 - (a) We can say to the devil that our hands, eyes, and other members will no longer be his tools.
 - (i) For they are no longer our hands, but they belong to Jesus.
 - 1. Galatians 2:20
 - v) Before, we had no power to yield.
 - (1) Now, we know, we can reckon, and there is the matter of function where we can say that we will not yield our members as instruments of unrighteousness.
 - (a) This is the dethronement of sin and the enthronement of the Savior.
 - (i) Romans 6:13
- f) In the matter of victory, it is not our ability that counts.
 - i) It is not our responsibility, but it is our response to His ability.
 - (1) We must choose.
 - (a) We cannot do it without Him, and He will not do it without us.
 - (b) We must yield.
 - (i) Yield to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- g) When temptation comes, we must yield and we will yield.
 - i) The only question is which way will we yield?
 - (1) Will we yield to Satan?
 - (2) Will we yield to Christ?
 - ii) Stop fighting temptation.
 - (1) Why fight a battle already lost when we can enjoy a victory already won.
 - (2) Yield to Jesus.
 - (a) Romans 6:1
- h) Romans 6:14
 - i) What good is the Gospel of Jesus Christ if we do not know it, do not reckon to it, and do not yield to it?
 - (1) But when we yield, we will be free indeed.
 - (2) To know it is the matter of the head.
 - (3) To reckon it is a matter of the heart.

(4) To yield is a matter of the will.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Our identification with Christ is the fact you are to know.
- b) Our appropriation of Christ is the faith you are to reckon with.
- c) Our submission to Christ is the function that you are to obey.
 - i) When you do these three things, then you will have victory.
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16