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Freedom
Romans 6:1-7

There has been a 92% increase in the number of unchurched Americans in the last thirteen years.

“In 1991 there were 39 million unchurched Americans compared with 75 million currently.” (2004) -George Barna

“Human beings all over the earth have this curious idea that they ought to behave in a certain way, and they can’t really get rid of it.” -C.S. Lewis

The problem is salvation implies something you get later, not now, and our lives need something relevant today.

Sin is just something we try to live without but can’t.

I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate. Romans 7:15 (NLT)

But what if we see sin with a different filter?

What if we see sin as a life without character?

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more kindness and forgiveness? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)

1. The need of character.

Character is the will to do what is right, as defined by God, regardless of personal cost. -Andy Stanley

Or have you forgotten that when we became Christians and were baptized to become one with Christ Jesus, we died with him? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:3-4 (NLT)

Paul’s point was that this union with Jesus is not “legal” but real.

2. Developing your own character.

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised as he was. Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:5-6(NLT)

3. **Borrowing His character.**

For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. Romans 6:7 (NLT)

It is not enough merely to know our new position in Christ; we must, by faith, reckon it to be true in our own individual lives.

Reckoning is faith in action, resting on the Word of God in spite of circumstances or feelings.

It is to trust His character when we lack our own.