

## Overcoming The Dominion of Sin

How can we as Christians live so that sin does not continue to dominate our thinking and actions?

## Introduction

- Jesus, after living a sinless life, has died, been raised from the dead and exalted to heaven so that we can be forgiven of our sins
- After obeying the gospel, believing in Jesus as the Son of God, repenting of our sins, confessing our faith in Him and being baptized (immersed in water) for forgiveness of sins, God forgives and frees us from sin

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## Introduction

- We rejoice in our salvation but soon realize even as Christians, we still struggle with sin
- We still often think and act in sinful ways that we learned long before we became Christians
- Why does this happen and how can we, with God's help, overcome the dominion of sin?

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## Freed from sin at baptism

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

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## Freed from sin at baptism

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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## Freed from sin at baptism

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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## God is both just and merciful

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

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## God is both just and merciful

Rom 3:25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

Rom 3:26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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Through corrupted fleshly desires, we are inclined to submit to the law of sin and death

Rom 7:14 For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

Rom 7:17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

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Rom 7:23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

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Through corrupted fleshly desires, we are inclined to submit to the law of sin and death

1Jn 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

1Jn 2:17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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## Our background has repeatedly taught us about sin

1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

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We have learned to give into prevailing social pressure resulting in sin

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Eph 2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

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We have learned to give into prevailing social pressure resulting in sin

Eph 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

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Filled with God's Word, we must be renewed and transformed into a living sacrifice

Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

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Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

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Rom 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

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Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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We are to keep on walking in the light,  
repenting and confessing our sins,  
becoming like Jesus

1Jn 1:5 This is the message we have heard  
from Him and announce to you, that God is  
Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship  
with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we  
lie and do not practice the truth;

1Jn 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He  
Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship  
with one another, and the blood of Jesus His  
Son cleanses us from all sin.

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1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we  
are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not  
in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful  
and righteous to forgive us our sins and to  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned,  
we make Him a liar and His word is not in  
us.

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1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these  
things to you so that you may not sin. And if  
anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the  
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

1Jn 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation  
for our sins; and not for ours only, but also  
for those of the whole world.

1Jn 2:3 By this we know that we have come  
to know Him, if we keep His  
commandments.

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We are to keep on walking in the light,  
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1Jn 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to  
know Him," and does not keep His  
commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not  
in him;

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps His word, in him  
the love of God has truly been perfected. By  
this we know that we are in Him:

1Jn 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him  
ought himself to walk in the same manner as  
He walked.

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