

POWER OVER DEATH



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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of November 11, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that God has the power to give life to the dead and to overcome evil. Describe some characteristics and behaviors that are evident in the life of a person who is spiritually dead?
- 2 Which of the two prides ("I'm not as bad as Paul says", and "I'm not as good as Paul says") mentioned in the sermon do you most identify with? Explain.
- 3 What characteristics and behaviors are evident in the life of a person who is spiritually alive?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 Looking at the passages below, contrast the life of sin and trespasses with the life of grace and righteousness?

Which kind of life are you living? Explain. What needs to change so that grace abounds in your life?

Romans 5:17-21, ESV – ¹⁷ For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 What role do each of the following persons perform in saving people from their sins and trespasses? The Father. Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit. People.

A Christian’s life can be described as a living canvas portraying the glory of our Creator and Redeemer. What is God’s desire in us portraying His glory?

In what specific ways do you portray His glory? In what ways do you still need to rely on Jesus’ power and authority?

Titus 3:4-6, ESV – ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

3 Based on the passage below, contrast the things that are to be “put to death” and the things that are to be “put on.”

Not only are believers participants in Christ’s resurrection, but they are participants in His power and authority. How is this significant to the way believers should live their lives?

Col 3:1-17, ESV – ¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

TAKING IT HOME

Paul reminds us that God has demonstrated his power and authority by raising Christ from the dead and seating him (Jesus) at his (The Father) right hand. As you think through the sermon and this week's study, how does having Jesus' power and authority change the way you view sin and your ability to overcome sin?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Rom 6:20-23

Rom 8:3-8

Col 2:6-15

2 Tim 1:9-10

1 Peter 1:14-15