



Now You Know
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The Bottom Line: Sin is not your master.

Introduction: It is difficult to solve a problem when you don't understand what's wrong to begin with. Some of us have been trying to solve US for a long time. Some of you have been trying to solve YOU for a long time.

The problem may be that you don't know what the problem may be.

Last week, we looked at what one New Testament writer says your problem is. Today, we'll begin talking about the solution.

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate I do ... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." Romans 7:15, 18 NIV

"For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing." Romans 7:19 NIV

"Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it." Romans 7:20 NIV

"What a wretched man I am!" Romans 7:24 NIV

What will rescue me ...

"Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Romans 7:24-25 NIV

Paul experienced success over this thing (called sin) in him through Jesus, who had been gone for 25 years when Paul wrote this.

"Just as the single unrighteous act of one man ensured you were born a slave to sin ... so the single righteous act of one man frees you from the power of sin." Romans 5:19 NIV

"We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized *into* Christ Jesus were baptized *into* his death?" Romans 6:2b-3 NIV

What was true of Adam was true of you.

Now, if you are in Christ, what is true of Christ is true of you.

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4 NIV

All the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection have been applied (credited) to us because we are in Him.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin ..." Romans 6:6 NIV

"Because ... anyone who has died has been set free from sin." Romans 6:7 NIV

"The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God." Romans 6:10 NIV

Once placed in Christ, we are dead to sin.

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11 NIV

"For sin shall no longer be your master ..." Romans 6:14 NIV

**Sin is not my master.
I am dead to sin but alive to God.**

NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: Romans 6:14.**
- Read and Meditate on Romans 5-8.**
- Think on Sin as a Noun instead of a Verb.**
- Repeat to Yourself Constantly This Week, "Sin is not my master."**
- Commit to the Next Two Weeks of *Freedom*.**