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Romans 6:1-12

Paul's letter to the Roman church is an amazing letter of theology! As we hone into chapter 6 we find Paul articulating the way God produces victory in the believer's life. It is nothing short of powerful!

Every full, faith, follower of the Lord Jesus Christ has been given victory! Specifically, we have victory over our evil nature. No long are you and I compelled or ruled over, or mastered by our sinful nature. Before your and my salvation we were slaves to sin. Sin in this part of God's powerful word refers to our evil nature.

In verse number 2 Paul asks a very important question. "How shall we who died to sin (evil nature) still live in it?" It is impossible to be Spirit filled and sin filled simultaneously. Here's why. The Greek word for die is ἀπεθάνομεν (apethanomen). It means separation. When one dies they are separated from the body. When we get saved and die to sin, God does an amazing work in the believers life. In this context it is as if God takes a knife and separates our sinful nature from our life. The evil nature still remains but it is no longer connect to us. When God separates our sin from us He places His Holy Spirit inside of us to guarantee that the sinful nature no longer has dominion over us! It is impossible to be spirit filled and sin filled. The Holy Spirit seals our salvation and is our guarantee to victory! We are no longer slaves to the master of sin! We have a new Master! His name is Jesus!

Our victory comes in verse number 4. Here we walk or conduct life in a newness of life that newness of life is God's implanted victory. It is God's new quality of life for every believer. No longer do we have to be compelled by our sinful nature. God has done away with that. In verse 3 Paul uses another very powerful word. The word ἐβαπτίσθημεν (baptize) means to submerge or immerse in order to cleanse. It also means to overwhelm! Think of it this way. When we are saved we are over whelmed, our sinful or evil nature is over whelmed with Jesus Christ and He has won the victory and He has given it to you! Walk in victory my friend!