

Sermon Handout
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Central Church of Christ

Road to Redemption: Free To Live
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Main Points:

1. **Dying to Sin:** Paul emphasizes that believers have "died to sin" and should not continue living in it. Our old self was crucified with Christ, freeing us from sin's mastery.
2. **New Life in Christ:** We are united with Christ in His death and resurrection. This signifies a change of state from being slaves to sin to being alive in Christ.
3. **Living as Slaves to Righteousness:** We are no longer slaves to sin but slaves to God, leading to holiness and eternal life. Our lives should reflect this transformation.
4. **Practical Obedience:** Paul commands us to not let sin reign in our bodies and to offer ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness. This requires active participation in spiritual disciplines.

Bottom Line: We've been set free from sin to live for Him.

Remember: Our freedom in Christ empowers us to live a life of righteousness, reflecting the grace and transformation we have received. As we grow in freedom, we also grow in responsibility. Our freedom in Christ does not mean we can live however we want; it comes with the responsibility to live according to God's will.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be "free in Christ"? How does this freedom differ from worldly freedom?
2. How can we actively choose to live as "slaves to righteousness" in our daily lives?
3. Discuss ways we can avoid the traps of legalism and the "auto-pilot" approach to our faith.
4. How can our family support each other in growing closer to God and moving away from sin?

Scripture References: Romans 5:20-21; Romans 6:1-23; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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