



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV)

Jesus lived the perfect life I cannot live.

Jesus died to take the punishment of sin that I deserve.

Jesus rose back to life to give life to all who trust in Him as Savior and Lord.

Salvation is receiving Jesus as Savior and responding to Jesus as Lord.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We experience true freedom and fulfillment when we completely trust in Jesus as our Savior and wholeheartedly commit to following Jesus as Lord.

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:31-36 (NIV)

Jesus exercises His authority as God to free us from the slavery of sin to make us a part of God's family.

THE METAPHOR OF THE TWO ADAMS (ROMANS 5 & 6):

- **Sin came into the world through the first Adam. Because Adam sinned, we all are sinners.**
- **The gift of grace came through the second Adam, Jesus Christ.**
- **Because the first Adam sinned, the judgement of death was pronounced on all humanity.**
- **Because of the second Adam, Jesus Christ, life is given through justification by grace through faith in Jesus alone.**

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5:18-19 (NIV)

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ 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—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans 6:1-14 (NIV)



TEACHING BIG IDEA:

When Jesus is my Lord, sin is not my master.

Am I living in the Old Adam or am I living in Christ?

Baptism is a step of obedience.

- **Baptism is a symbol that we have received Jesus as our Savior and our response is to follow Him as our Lord.**
- **Baptism is a testimony that we have joined Jesus in His death; therefore, we are dead to sin (our old life). We now share in His resurrection and are set free from sin.**

Because I'm alive in Jesus, I will not let sin be my master.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

What Jesus came to do is good news for all who receive Jesus as Savior and respond to Him as Lord. It is salvation and that means it is life.

Responding to Jesus as Lord and Savior is what discipleship is all about. We experience the fullness of God and freedom from our old sinful selves.

In Romans 5 & 6, the Apostle Paul shares what this means for us. As you reflect on these two passages, write down what it looks like for you to be in the "Old Adam" and what it looks like for you to be "In Christ."

IN OLD ADAM	IN CHRIST

TALK IT OVER:

For what reasons do you think people become offended when they are confronted with Jesus' statement, that "whoever sins is a slave," and His claim, that only He has authority to make us a part of God's family?

What promises of being in Christ from Romans 6 are most hopeful to you? Why?

What reasons keep people from following Jesus as Lord, even though they believe He is their Savior?

What next step do you need to take because Jesus is Your Lord, and sin is no longer your master?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

- Day 1: Hebrews 9:11-28
- Day 2: Hebrews 10:19-30
- Day 3: 1 Corinthians 15:35-50
- Day 4: 2 Corinthians 5:11-17
- Day 5: Colossians 2:6-15
- Day 6: Romans 8:1-17