

Conformed to His Likeness

Session 5: The Process

Recap

The Goal: To _____ us to the the likeness of Christ.

The Barrier: We are hopelessly _____ to sin.

The Provision: God has provided a Savior who is willing and able to _____ us from sin.

By uniting us with Christ... (Romans 6.1-8)

- His death is our death.
- His life is our life.
- His righteousness is our righteousness (1 Corinthians 1.30)

What we need to know

Once we trust Christ, our relationship to sin _____
(Romans 6.5-23)

• **Before:** Sin is our _____. **After:** Sin is _____ our Master.

• **Before:** Sin is our _____. **After:** Sin is an _____.

We continue to think and act as if sin is _____ our master.

- We still take _____ from Master Sin (Romans 6.12,13)
- We are _____ to our problem (Romans 7.15)
- We still _____ God.

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The Challenge

How do you help someone who....

- Is convinced they don't have a _____?
- _____ and _____ your efforts to help them?

The Strategy

God penetrates our resistance by gathering _____.

- To convince an _____ person that they are still living as a slave to sin, you must expose the _____ of sin's presence and activity in every corner of their life.
- To convince a _____ person that they are powerless against sin, you must allow them to _____ in their efforts to overcome sin (7.14-20)
- To convince a proud, self-reliant person to _____ on the strength of another, you must allow them to reach the point of _____ (7.24)

How does God find the evidence?

- Sin _____ us into sinning by getting us to obey the Law.
 - ✦ The Law _____ sin (7.8)

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How does God find the evidence – cont.

- God uses the Law to _____ sin into revealing its hiding place in my life.

✦ The Law is God's _____ (7.13)

- **Discovery:** The purpose of God's Law is not to _____ righteous, but to _____ our sinfulness (3.20; 7.13)

- **Principle:** My _____ to God's commands reveals the true condition of my heart.

✦ God's commands focus on _____ (Romans 12-15)

✦ How I respond determines _____.

✦ If my natural response is to _____ the truth, then I will _____ my slavery to sin.

Typical ways we resist the Truth

- We suppress the Truth
- We avoid the Truth
- We ignore the Truth
- We exchange the Truth
- We discredit the Truth

✦ If my natural response is to _____ the truth, then I will _____ Christlikeness as I obey in faith.

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I submit to God when I.....

- _____: Be specific.
- _____: Change your beliefs and behaviors to agree with God.
- _____: that what God says about us is true...even if the evidence indicates otherwise:
 - ✦ We are dead to sin and alive to God.
 - ✦ We are free of sin's power.
 - ✦ We are no match against sin.
 - ✦ We have been united with Christ: what is true of Him is true of us. His righteousness is our righteousness.
- _____: Determine the right thing to do and do it.
- _____: Depend on God's strength and Christ's righteousness.

- _____: Every time you fail, get up and repeat the cycle.