

LESSON 25

How You Can Have Victory Over Sin

11: Victory over Sin

Executive Summary

Victory over sin begins with the believer's union with Christ. Because Christians have died and risen with Him, sin is no longer their master, even though temptation remains real. Romans 6 calls believers to count themselves alive to God, refuse sin's rule, and present themselves to God for righteousness. Progress depends on the Spirit's power and repeated, faith-filled obedience.

Key Terms

Union with Christ	The believer's spiritual participation in Christ's death, resurrection, life, and righteousness through faith.
Sanctification	The lifelong work of God by which believers increasingly turn from sin and grow in Christlikeness.
Obedience	A willing response to God's authority that puts His commands into practice through faith.
Victory	The believer's growing freedom to resist sin and walk in obedience through union with Christ and the Spirit's help.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

Romans 6:11-14

11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Galatians 5:16

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Application Questions

1. What does Romans 6:11-14 say is now true of a believer's relationship to sin and God?

2. How is being tempted different from allowing sin to rule your choices?

3. What repeated sin do you need to face with the truth that you belong to Christ?

4. What part of your life can you offer to God for a right purpose this week?
