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INTRODUCTION

I. THE GOSPEL – SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE – TEACHES ME THAT MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST IS ONE OF LIFE AND FREEDOM ~ 5:1-5, 12-14

A. A Question of Character (Godliness; Holiness; Obedience; Morality)

For Further Study: Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 3:1-3

B. A Statement of Fact

For Further Study: Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13

C. A Position of Mastery

For Further Study: Romans 7:4; I Corinthians 1:30; II Corinthians 5:14; Galatians 2:20

D. A Matter of Knowledge

E. A Remembrance of Baptism

II. THE GOSPEL – SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE – TEACHES ME THAT MY UNION WITH CHRIST IS ONE OF BEING DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO GOD ~ 5:6-11

For Further Study: Romans 8:12-13; Galatians 5:17; Ephesians 2:14-16; 4:22-24; Colossians 3:5, 9-11

A. Made Like Him, Like Him We Die

B. Made Like Him, Like Him We Rise

III. THE GOSPEL – SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE – TEACHES ME THAT MY LIFE IN CHRIST IS ONE OF REIGNING GRACE ~ 5:12-14

For Further Study: Psalm 51: 3, 6, 8, 10, 14-15; Romans 3:20; 7:5, 7, 8-11; 12:1; I Corinthians 6:19-20; ; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:20-21; James 3:5-8; Hebrews 11:25; I Peter 1:14

THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE BELIEVER

1. **There is a kingly throne** or reign ~ 6:12a. There is a “contested reign;” a battle for the throne.
2. **There is a challenger to the throne** ~ 6:12a. There is a rebel in the ranks; a revolutionary whose name is sin. And there is in the life of the believer a constant revolt or mutiny that leads to a coup to gain the throne. We are called to resist.
3. **There is a town or castle** that is always under attack by the challenger to the throne ~ 6:12a. The town or castle is your “mortal body.”
4. **There are certain servants in the castle** who may become deceptive secret agents of the rebel leader ~ 6:12b. These seductive servants try to capture parts of the castle. Their names are “evil desires” or “lusts.”
5. **Incremental surrender is possible** ~ 6:12b. Sin, the leader of the revolt, will take some desire captive and send it behind the castle wall with a deceptive promise of peace and satisfaction. When one “obeys” the “captive desire” and gives in to the deceptive promise, the result is a surrender to that sin.
6. **And there are weapons in the castle** that, when captured by the enemy, can be turned against the castle ~ 6:13a. These weapons are members of the Christian’s body: eyes, ears, tongue, hands, feet, and sexual organs, as well as mind, heart and emotions. Paul is urging us not to allow the rebel, sin, to capture the members of our bodies and turn them into weapons against the true King.
7. **There is a true King over the realm, namely, God** ~ 6:13b. This is a call to stay true (loyal) to the King by keeping all your weapons and servants – your desires and members – in line with the King’s demands/wishes.
8. **Finally, there is a constitutional authority** ~ 6:14. This authority is GRACE, not law.

~ Adapted from John Piper

A. Command #1 ~ Know Who You Are

B. Command #2 ~ Be Who You Are

C. Command #3 ~ Do Not Allow Yourself to Be an Instrument for Sin: v. 13a

D. Command #4 ~ Present Your Whole Mind, Body and Soul to God: v. 13b

E. Remember ~ You Are Not Under Law But Under Grace: v. 14

CONCLUSION