

## FINDING FREEDOM

*Freedom From Sin's Presence and Power*

Romans 6:1-14

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. THE CHAINS THAT BIND US – vv. 1-3

##### **Temptations**

*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ~ 1 Peter 5:8*

*For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ~ 1 John 2:16*

##### **Patterns**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. ~ Ephesians 4:22-24*

##### **Idols and Strongholds**

*What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ~ James 4:1*

##### **Lack of Faith**

*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live. ~ Deuteronomy 30:19*

*“For you to say, ‘I am no saint,’ is acceptable by human standards of pride, but it is unconscious blasphemy against God. You defy God to make you a saint? As if to say, ‘I am too weak and hopeless and outside the reach of the atonement by the cross of Christ.’ Why aren't you a saint? It is either that you do not want to be a saint or that you do not believe that God can make you into one.”*

~ Oswald Chambers

## **2. THE COUNTERFEITS THAT DECEIVE US**

Counterfeit Freedom – v. 1

Counterfeit Solutions – v. 4

## **3. THE CROSS THAT FREES US – vv. 4-7**

*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free] from sin.*

*Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ~ Romans 6:6-8*

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ~ Galatians 2:20*

## **4. THE PATH THAT RAISES US**

### **Address Barriers to Change – vv. 8-9**

Unconfessed Known Sin

Toxic Shame

Failure to Forgive Others

Failure to Accept God's Forgiveness

### **Know your old self has died, and your new self has been made alive – vv. 1, 5-6**

*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. ~ Romans 6:6*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

*~ 2 Corinthians 5:17*

### **In the Power of the Cross of Christ, decide**

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ~ Romans 8:1-2*

*For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.*

*~ Romans 6:14*