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***He That Is Dead Is Freed from Sin***

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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I was just speaking with a lady recently. She loves the Lord Jesus, but, oh, she was bound; there was a fear on her life; there was something that was holding her. As we turned to Scripture, I know that God did a work that set her free. **Roman 6** says -

**6** **Knowing this, that your old man** - *that is the previous life before we come into the Lord Jesus* - **is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.** *So important:- that **we should not serve sin.***

**7** **For he that is dead is freed from sin.**

**8** **Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:**

**9** **Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.**

**10** **For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**

**11** **Likewise reckon also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**12** **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.**

**13** **Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as**

**those that are alive from the dead, and your members** - *referring to the energies and activities of the old man-* **as instruments of righteousness unto God.** It is so important that we understand integrity in discipleship all has to do with His Lordship in our lives; that we understand it is His life that can bring us through as we draw upon the work of His Holy Spirit within our hearts.

Back in the **Book of Colossians chapter 3**, we read --

**5 Mortify** - *oh, you say that sounds terrible - it literally means put to death - count as if it is in the place of death - render it inoperative -* **therefore your members** -*referring to the energies' activities -* **which are upon the earth . . .** In other words, what do I do when I have a problem? What do I see when this old self and this old demand upon my nature comes upon me? In the Name of the Lord Jesus, I identify it and by His Spirit, I believe that this can be put to death. I thank Him to do this. In other words - as it goes on to say - . . . **which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness.** . . . “What in the world are all these?” you say.

I think most of us know in these days about physical **fornication** - that which is outside the legal boundaries of what we do. But also, spiritual fornication is when we deny the Lord having the place He should have.

**Uncleanness** means morally impure thoughts, words, looks, gestures. Oh, how easy it is to have a flippant way and to not really invoke what we felt as trouble, that we are not walking understanding that this self life is dead.

Then, these **inordinate affections**, which mean passions and lust and unrestrained affections. Some of you are feeling the Holy Spirit speaking to you at this moment. Do understand that only Christ Jesus can set you free. If you will call upon Him and name clearly what is holding and binding, He will set you free. Turn to Him now in this area.

Then, this sensual evil desire of **evil concupiscence** and **covetousness**. . . You say, "I don't know anything about these other things, but covetousness is something that is binding my life: I have to have it! And I have a blind adoration about something." Do you understand this is **idolatry**? You might as well stick an idol right on your living room floor! Covetousness is idolatry. It goes on to say -

**6 For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:**

**7 In the which ye also walked sometime** - *we all were as children of disobedience before we came into Christ.* These things are not things that we are not aware of. We look back and praise God they were those things from which we have not been set free, because Jesus showed us that in Himself we are now children of

obedience, not children of disobedience.

But it says also -

**8 But now ye also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Watch what comes out of your mouth!**

**9 Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds;** You see, it goes on to say we were all addicted at one time to these - one or the other of these things or many of them.

**Romans 8:13** says -

**13 . . . but if ye through the spirit do mortify - render inoperative - the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** So what happens? Something comes up and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you say, *Lord, I identify this covetousness (or whatever it is )*. That means by the Holy Spirit, you render this inoperative. Render inoperative the deeds of the body. The Holy Spirit will do this and then you can be free. You can live, as it says. You see, by dealing with deadening remains, we have to do it through the Holy Spirit. If we try to starve anything of these things, something else pops out somewhere else. We are debtors not to the flesh, but to live after Him.

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

