

***Dead to Sin***  
***Romans 6:1-10***

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**Getting Started**

- ❖ Go around the group sharing the story of how you were baptized. How did your baptism impact your walk with Christ? If you were baptized as an infant, did you go through a confirmation process later? If you haven't been baptized, what is holding you back from this spiritual milestone?
- ❖ **Opening Prayer Time:** This Friday we have a major outreach event to our community--- Lockmar Lights. Pray for good participation from our own church family, that we would all use this event as an opportunity to invite our 3-2-1 friends and others into the orbit of our church. Pray that God would provide plenty of volunteers to pull this event off with excellence and that all would have a safe and enjoyable evening. Pray that this would be the first step for some in coming to know Christ.

**Digging Deeper**

- ❖ **Reread and discuss our sermon text Romans 6:1-10.**
  - Paul opens with a clear group in mind who were abusing the truth of God's grace. Jerry briefly spoke of "antinomianism". What does this mean in its worst form?
  - Have you ever sinned because you knew God would show you grace and forgive you anyway? Why are we tempted to adopt that way of thinking about salvation? How does that way of thinking fall short of a biblical understanding of what it means to be saved, according to this passage? Is this a form of "antinomianism"?
  - Read through the passage together as a group and note each way Paul conveys the notion that the power of sin over us has been radically broken.
  - How would you explain the takeaway truth to someone? (Sin remains in us, but it no longer reigns in us once we are united to Christ.)
  - Go through the passage and note all the places our "union in Christ" is being referenced. What does this mean and what are the implications of this truth?
  - What difference does dying with Christ make to your sense of identity?
  - In light of the power of sin over us being broken, what is the biblical way to understand sins we continue to struggle with and fall into? What other passages in the Bible talk about that?
  - Do you truly believe that you don't *have* to sin? What difference does/would it make?
- ❖ **Read Col. 3:1-11.**
  - Why does Colossians 3 say that unholy living is improper (and even unthinkable!) for Christians?
  - If Christians really are dead to sin and alive to God, why do we still struggle so with temptation?
- ❖ **Both of these passages teach two truths:** (1) *God* is the one who changes us—sanctification is by His grace; and yet, (2) in the sanctification process we are commanded to do certain things and not do certain things. **How do you reconcile these facts?**

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***Think About It!***

To be 'dead to sin', thus, does not mean to be insensible to its enticements, for Paul makes clear that sin remains for the Christian an attraction to be battled with every day (see v 13). Rather it means to be delivered from the absolute tyranny of sin, from the state in which sin holds unchallenged sway, the state in which we all lived before conversion (see 3:9). As a result of this death to sin, we can no longer live in it (2b)—for habitual sinning reveals sin's tyranny, a tyranny from which the believer has been freed" (IVP New Bible Commentary)

***Praying Together***

*Break into smaller groups based upon gender. Answer and pray for one another over the following: In what area of your life is sin fighting particularly hard at the moment?*

(Note: In this year's study of Romans, our study questions are being inspired by or derived from books, commentaries and bible studies authored by: Pastors Matt Smith, Max Lucado, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Jack Hayford and Tim Keller.)

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

December 8, 2019 | Second Sunday of Advent

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### WORSHIP SONGS

#### OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

**Words & Music by James McDonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, 2012**

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name,  
Calling out to You. Your glory like a fire awakening desire,  
Will burn our hearts with truth. You're the reason we're here;  
You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens, we want to see You. Open up the floodgates,  
a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,  
We're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud,  
You're standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes.

#### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

**Traditional French Carol | Traditional French Melody**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King.

#### HE HAS COME FOR US (GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN)

**Words and Music by Meredith Andrews and Jason Ingram, 2009**

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:

O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

*He has come for us, this Jesus, He's the Hope for all mankind.  
He has come for us, the Messiah, born to give us life.*

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born!"  
All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

#### KING OF KINGS

**Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram, 2019**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
till from heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
from a throne of endless of glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this  
was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath till that  
stone was moved for good, for the Lam had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their toms, and the angel stood in awe, for  
the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,  
for the love of Jesus Christ has resurrected me.

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 25; Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thess. 1:5-12; Luke 1:57-68

MONDAY | Ps. 40; Amos 7:1-9; Rev. 1:1-8; Matthew 22:23-33

TUESDAY | Ps. 33; Amos 7:10-17; Rev. 1:9-16; Matthew 22:34-46

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 53; Amos 8:1-14; Rev. 1:17-2:7; Matt. 23:1-12

THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Amos 9:1-10; Rev. 2:8-17; Matt. 23:13-26

FRIDAY | Ps. 102; Haggai 1:1-15; Rev. 2:18-29; Matthew 23:27-39

SATURDAY | Ps. 90; Haggai 2:1-9; Rev. 3:1-6; Matthew 24:1-14

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord Jesus, you are the Root of Jesse upon whom rests  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might.  
You judge the meek and the poor with righteousness and equality.  
As it was prophesied, John came as a voice in the wilderness,  
calling us to repentance for your kingdom is near.  
We long for the fullness of this peaceable kingdom,  
when the wolf shall live with the lamb,  
and the cub and the calf shall lie down together.  
We look forward to the day when the earth will be full of the  
knowledge of the Lord. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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