



SPIRITUAL CHARACTER

Part 012 - The Transforming Power of the Gospel

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(Ro 6:1b, 2)

"Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

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B. The Biblical Answer

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Discussion:

Discuss how responding to an altar call and actually dying to the old self are different. What effect will this have on the life of someone who has responded?

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1. How did we die?
2. What happened because of our death with Christ?

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Question:

*How do you allow your feelings instead of your faith in God's Word to affect the way that you view your life in Christ?
If your feelings and experience give you a different view than the word of God... which do you trust?*

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(Ro 7:19)

"For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing".

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QUESTION:
What has happened to your sinful nature according to Paul's letter to the Romans?

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Romans 8:5-7

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

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(Ro 8:12,13)

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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QUESTION:
How can you live by the Spirit?

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- E. Know the Truth

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Question:

When fighting against sin, which brings more power into your life: trying harder or believing more?

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