



The Deep End wk4: Dead to Sin/Freedom!

Introduction: In this culture, sometimes freedom is seen as the ultimate and highest right. In the Book of Romans, Paul makes the case that we will serve someone, so we better choose wisely. Dying to sin is basically choosing a better master. What would it look like if we daily offered ourselves to that master?

Discussion Questions

1. What is freedom? Or what does it mean to be free? Is anyone ever absolutely free?
2. Read **Romans 6:1-4** If some grace is good, more seems better. Some would argue that continuing to sin reveals more of God's goodness. What does Paul say to that? How have we died to sin? What is the role of baptism according to Paul in Romans?
3. What is the danger in seeing baptism as the "get out of hell" card?
4. Read **Romans 6:10-14** What does he mean when he says "count yourself dead to sin?" How does Paul say we choose our master?
5. Read **Romans 7:15** Does this verse resonate with you? How can Paul, an apostle, not understand his propensity to sin? In this passage (the verses that follow) what keeps him from despair? What should keep us from despair?
6. If we understand that it's grace through faith that saves us (God's work), why try to sin less? What have you found most helpful in your struggle against sin?

Shaping Your Mind – *For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law but under grace.*

Romans 6:14

Moving Forward – Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning. – Dallas Willard