

Facts of the Faith (6)

Romans 6:5-11

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Intro: What separates Christ from the rest of the pack?:

- His divinity/ humanity.
- His suffering & death/ resurrection/ uniqueness

Christ literally produced creation/ eternal life.

John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

Christ literally conquered death!! Not a myth, not a dream, not a fairy tale, but a reality, a fact!!!!—Real person, real life, teenager/ Died for our sins. As sure as you are sitting here!!!

Closer look at what the resurrection accomplished!!!

I. **Jesus Christ gives us literal victory over sin!**

Vs 6 "Knowing this, that our old man was **crucified** with Him, that the body of sin might be **done away with** (rendered inoperative), that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Old man—sin nature (who you were before you were saved).

It has once been said that after the fall of man: "Although Adam and Eve died spiritually, they did not lose their spirit. Rather, the spirit may be viewed as having collapsed in upon itself so that it no longer is a channel of communication with God, but rather is a self-focused center. This notion correlates with what is known as a "God-shaped vacuum."

As such, it now distorts each person's view of life. The effect may be similar to how a black hole in outer space sucks in light so that the view of its entire neighborhood is distorted. Each person is born with what may be termed an egocentric reality—a **view of life distorted by self.**"

Illustration: Babies at very young ages if they do not get what they want they scream.....rebels at a very young age.

Vs 6 "Done away with"—rendered inoperative.

Illustration: WW II, German tanks could be disabled by blowing the tracks right off. When that happened the tank was still potentially dangerous, but it was immobilized, defenseless. It was rendered inoperative.

Good picture of our sin nature!!! It is still dangerous, but because of the Holy Spirit living inside of us it has been immobilized, defenseless.

Two simple truths:

A) **The only time when the sin nature has control over us is when we allow it too!**

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Statement: Not a question of can God give us victory of sin, the question is, "Will we allow Him too?"

Gal. 5:16, 25 "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Statement: "The Holy Spirit lives in us, so why not live in the Spirit?"—Operate under His influence.

If you do that:

- Control what comes out of your mouth.
- Music you listen/ T.V.-Movies
- Your attitude.
- Overcome temptation.
- Peer pressure.

B) You are no longer held captive by your sin.

Galatians 4:6, 7 “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Statement: When I got saved, He gave me a new nature. Born again—born from above.

Not only did He forgive me, but He gives me the power to act on my desire!!!

Vs 7 “For he who has died has been freed from sin.” Freed—cleared, rendered just or innocent.

Identifies three freedoms in your life once you have been saved:

- a. The debt of sin that you owed.
- b. The death of sin that you deserved.
- c. The deeds of sin that you committed. (addictions, habits, etc.)--influence

Ephesians 2: 1 “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

Trespass—Error or (Willful transgression).

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

II. Jesus Christ gives us literal victory over death.

Vs 8 “Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him **9** knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over him.”

Jesus Christ personally defeated death.

- What sin deserved, Christ received!
- What sin required, Christ gave!
- What sin ruined, Christ restored.

“The Creator was pierced by His Creation.”

Video—Blue Fish--Elements

Statement: Because of this truth, all who place their faith in Him, will be victorious over death as well!!!

I Cor. 15:57 “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Direct reference to death!!!

I Cor. 15:21, 22 “For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”

Truth: We will all physically die one day. Heb. 9:27, but we will not experience spiritual death!!!!

Explain: Spirit reunited with resurrected bodies.

I Corinthians 15:51, 52 “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—**52** in a moment, in the twinkling

of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

I Corinthians 15:49 “And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.”

Image—likeness, resemblance.

Illustration: Jady—looks just like my baby picture. She resembles me. She is like me in the sense that she has my DNA, genes.

I John 3:2 “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

A couple of things:

A) A sacrifice for sin will never need to be made again.

Vs 10 “For the death that He died, He died to sin **once** for **all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.”

Hard to appreciate this truth: We have never lived in OT Israel where sacrifices were made continually for sins!!! Thousands.

Hebrews 7:27 “who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.”

Statement: Jesus Christ accomplished in one sacrifice what thousands could not. Cleansed sin entirely and eternally!!!

His sacrifice:

- a. Incredible sacrifice. God died for man.
- b. Impeccable sacrifice. Flawless/ faultless

c. Innocent. “Just for the unjust.” Perfect.

B) Nothing less than our best is deserved!!!

Statement: He lives so that we can be alive!!!
“If Christ is not alive, our faith is in vain.”

Vs 11 “Likewise you also, reckon (consider) yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Reckon—to take an inventory!!!!

Statement: You no longer live to please yourself, but you live to please God!

- Dead—a corpse/ ceases to exist.
- Dead-- no longer living; deprived of life.

We should strive to sin no more!!!

Our sin nature should have no authority in our life!!!!

It should be as if it doesn’t even exist!!!

Everything in our live should be about living for Christ and pleasing Him!!!!

Ever since the moment of your salvation, every other moment you will have on this earth should be spent in efforts to live for God!!!!

Quote—“Nothing more is required, but nothing less will do!!!”