

If someone accused you of not being a Christian, what proof could you give of the fact that you are a true child of God?

How can you apply this week's text practically in your life today?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Message #38: Dead to Sin

November 23, 2014

Sermon Notes

1. Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

Definitions

Justification — Being declared, counted, or reckoned to be righteous when God imputes the righteousness of Christ to our account.

R. C. Sproul

An instantaneous legal act of God in which He (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in His sight.

Wayne Grudem

Sanctification — The work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

An ongoing cooperative process in which regenerate persons, alive to God and freed from sin's dominion (*Romans 6:11, 14-18*), are required to exert themselves in sustained obedience.

J. I. Packer

2. How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Justification

Sanctification

Legal standing	Internal condition
Once for all time	Continuous throughout life
Entirely God's work	We cooperate
Perfect in this life	Not perfect in this life
The same in all Christians	Greater in some than in others

What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you?
What called for more clarification?

Define *justification* —

Define *sanctification* —

How do justification and sanctification relate to each other?

True or False: Justification and sanctification are not necessarily linked together. You can have one without the other. Explain.

What did Paul mean when he asked, *Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? (Romans 6:1)*

What did Paul mean when he asked, *How shall we who died to sin still live in it? (Romans 6:2)*

Do Christians still live in the realm of sin? Can you support your answer from Scripture?

Why should Christians avoid sinning?

Should we use grace as an excuse to sin?

Is the believer's sin nature eradicated at the moment of salvation?

If not, what is Paul communicating in *Romans 6:1-14*?

Is my sharing of the gospel ever misunderstood because I emphasize the freeness of God's grace?

How can I avoid bringing works to bear on salvation?

According to *Romans 6:2*, what is the basic reason we should abandon sin?

Is there a controlling sin in my life that I commit willingly because I am counting on God's grace to forgive me?