



## INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

### THE RESCUE

#### PASSAGE OVERVIEW

Death voids contracts. It is that way with the marriage covenant and it is that way with the Law.

Christ died for us, paying the price for our sin. In chapter 6 we learned that we have died to sin and have become alive in Christ, living free by serving righteousness. We are new beings in Christ. Since we are alive in Christ, we have died to the Law. It no longer controls us.

Yet our sinful nature still battles. The process of sanctification is exactly that, a process. Paul describes the battle against sin, which can seem futile from a human perspective. We do not do what we want to do. Instead, we do what we do not want to do. The Christian walk is not a path soft with rose petals. Instead, the challenges from our inner sinful propensities can dwarf the challenges that come from the outside.

Who can rescue us from ourselves? Jesus. Just as we are saved by Jesus, so we need His rescue constantly. He is the victor. We live in Him. We live because of Him. We win because He has won.

#### READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Romans 7

#### I. The “much moreness” of Jesus. (5:12-21)

- A. Adam’s legacy is sin and death. (5:12)
- B. Jesus’ free gift is much more than Adam’s legacy. (5:15-21)

#### II. Dying to Live (6:1-11)

I’ve got to die if I really want to live.

- A. Die to sin so we can walk in newness of life. (6:1-4)
- B. When we die to sin, it no longer controls us. (6:6-9)
- C. Dead to sin, but alive to God. (6:11)

#### III. Be careful who you present yourself to. (6:12-19)

- A. We present ourselves either to sin or to God. (6:13)  
Personal autonomy is a myth.
- B. When we present ourselves to sin, it takes control.
- C. But God sets us free. (6:17)

Instead of a path of destruction, we are set on a path of sanctification!

#### IV. Wages vs. Free Gift (6:20-23)

- A. We have earned death.
- B. We are freely gifted with eternal life in Jesus.

#### How does this apply to me?

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