

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) 6:11 Paul is not telling us to feel like we are dead to sin; he is telling us to act on the reality of what God's Word declares to be true.
- 2) 6:12 As a follower of Jesus, I must do my part to refuse to listen to the command of sin.
- 3) 6:12 In this life, sin will always be a force with which to reckon. But for the believer, it is no longer master; it can be resisted (1 Peter 2:9).
- 4) 6:13 Paul does not warn about sin reigning in our souls, but only about its reigning in our bodies, because that is the only place in a Christian where sin can operate.
- 5) 6:13 Before you were saved, the battle was for your soul. After salvation, the battle with sin is waged in the physical body (Romans 12:1).
- 6) 6:13 A command presupposes a free will.
- 7) 6:13 "We are faced with the tremendous alternative, of making ourselves weapons in the hand of God or weapons in the hand of sin." ~William Barclay
- 8) 6:13-14 Why does the Lord want my body presented? The body is God's temple, and He will use it for His glory (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Philippians 1:20-21). The body is also God's tool and God's weapon (Romans 6:13).
- 9) 6:14 Why are we to yield? We yield because of God's grace. Since we are not under law, but under grace, sin is robbed of its strength. That we are saved by grace is no excuse to sin more; it gives us a reason to obey more.
- 10) 6:14 How do we yield? It is an act of the will, based on the knowledge of what Jesus has done. It is an intelligent act of determination, not an impulsive decision based on emotion.
- 11) 6:14 The once-and-for-all surrender described here and in Romans 12:1 carries a sense of permanence.
- 12) 6:14 The longer we walk with Jesus, the more we realize the need to "die daily." But there is no later step without the first step, a determination to prefer Jesus over sin.

GREEK WORDS

6:12 Basileuō (bas-il-yoo'-o)—to rule :- king, reign

6:13 Hoplon (hop'-lon)—an implement or tool (especially offensive for war) :- armour, instrument, weapon

6:13 Paristēmi (par-is'-tay-mee)—to stand beside, + yield -: to place at one's disposal, to offer as a sacrifice

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