

## Free to be Spiritual

### Positional Freedom

5:12-21 – source of sin in the human race and its solutions – i.e. Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and the Death, Burial & Resurrection of Jesus Christ (DBR) - Grace

6:1-2 – common misapplication of freedom by the immature – abuse of grace  
§ Children abuse grace – thinking that freedom is an opportunity for indulgence  
§ Adults grateful for grace – use freedom to serve the One who gave it.

6:3-5 – identified with His death and resurrection  
§ Death – payment for sin – condemnation replaced with +R  
§ Resurrection – victory over sin/death – replaced with spiritual life

6:6-7 – old man crucified – sin rendered powerless; no longer serve sin  
§ A/P/Subj – *katargeo* – possible future – sin rendered powerless  
§ P/A/Inf – *douleuo* – purpose of defeating sin – freedom to serve

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| Condemnation removed | +R       | blessing from God |
| Sp Death removed     | Sp Life  | life of God       |
| Sp Blindness removed | Sp sight | mind of God       |

Crucified with Christ – positional freedom from sin and its consequences Positional freedom gives the potential for experiential freedom – free from OMBB. Experiential freedom breaks the slavery to OMBB

6:8-10 – Summary: dead to sin and alive to God

### Practical Freedom

6:11-14 – Mechanics of Behavior both sinful and +R

**Motivation** – belief and thought system

6:11 – reckon – *logizomai* – think, consider, conclude, perspective – verb of thinking dead to sin – freed from sin and its results; alive to Christ – power to live free from sin

- § P/M/Imp – command indicating importance of bel's thought life – conclusions
- § Conclusions indicate our belief system and resulting perspective – viewpoint
- § Sinful action always results from wrong thinking – believe a lie
- § Pleasure = +H; fulfill desire = +H; pleasure is best I can do; etc
- § Content of believed conclusions determines motivation – goals, priorities
- § As goes the belief system, so goes rule of the volition and behavior

**Mastery** – let rule – *basileuo me* – reign, king, boss, to dominate – rule not, Mortal body; obey its desires

- § P/A/Imp – importance of who rules the soul of the believer
- § 2 spheres of influence – God & Satan/world system
- § Volition determines which of these will influence us at any given moment

- § When volition chooses, obedience occurs – God or sin
- § Positional freedom empowers us to obey God

**Members** – verbal / overt action as a result of motivation and mastery

- § P/A/Imp – *mede paristemi* – present, offer, put at the disposal of another – neither
- § Members – members of your body – verbal and overt behavior
- § Instruments of –R to perform sinful acts
- § P/A/Imp – *paristemi* – to God as those from death to life – instruments of +R
- § Use your body to do acts of +R to serve the Lord, not sin

1. Paul lays out the mechanics of decision-making and behavior.
2. Motivation – directly out of the content of believed conclusions - system
3. Believed conclusions determine our viewpoints - reckonings
4. Motivation – dead to sin – alive to God; old man or new man; world - God
5. Mastery – Positional freedom breaks the bondage of old man dominance
6. Positional freedom empowers us to understand & choose spiritual concepts
7. Freedom – free decide who will be our master – choose our dominance
8. Believers are free only in the sense that they are able to choose whom they serve.
9. Unbel's are only able to serve their sinful nature influenced by the world.
10. Our behavior is determined by our choices; choices are determined by our beliefs.
11. The content of our reckonings determines our destiny.