

6:22a

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Sin is no longer our master! We are no longer its slaves!

The second phase of our new relationship to innate sin is that:

2. We are to be progressively dying to the remaining power of innate sin.

Let us note the following verses:

6:12-13a

6:15-16

6:21, 23a

8:5a, 6a, 7, 8, 9a

8:12-13

Although sin is no longer our master, nevertheless sin continues to attempt to gain some degree of control in various aspects of our lives. Sin tries to rule us, no matter how spasmodically or temporarily. It is not to rule us, but by God's enabling grace we are to control it and to put its expressions progressively to death.

- . The third phase of our new relationship to innate sin is that:
3. We have God's guarantee that we will one day be made completely dead to the power and very presence of innate sin.

Let us note the passage in 8:19-25.

Although this passage does not directly mention deliverance from the remaining power and presence of innate sin, but rather of glorification, with particular reference to the transformation of our physical bodies, it necessarily implies this deliverance.

Just as we have been cursed with moral and physical corruption, so the creation has been cursed with the corruption of the physical results of sin; and just as we long to be totally delivered from moral and physical corruption, so the creation groans to be totally delivered from physical corruption. When the benefits of Christ's redemption are finally applied to us and we are delivered from the bondage of the remaining power and presence of sin and from the curse of physical corruption and death to the glorious freedom of the sons of God, then the creation itself will also be delivered from its bondage to physical corruption. In the meanwhile we await with eager expectation this final application of Christ's redemption, the final deliverance from sin and its results.