

Chapter 9

Reigning Grace and Personal Sin

"What I once was, I no longer am, but still have."



SIN TO ME

1. Sin is a defeated foe
2. Sin is judicially dead
3. Sin will be permanently removed

SIN OVER ME

- It no longer has DOMINION | AUTHORITY over me.

Q. What impact does the GOSPEL have on my relationship to sin?

WHACK!

A. The GOSPEL forever changes my relationship to God and to sin.

IMPLICATIONS

- I am in Christ.
- I am the dwelling place for the Holy Spirit.
- I am a sure work of the Father.

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- I am seated in the heavenlies (Eph. 1:3; Col. 3:1ff).
 - I am an over-comer (John 16:33).
 - I am a commandment keeper
- "The life I currently experience is not my reality"*

HORIZONTAL

- There is always an intrinsic demerit to all sin.

LAWLESS
Sin Focused
Fear



FREEDOM
Son Focused
Gratitude



NOW WHAT?

- When you make much of sin and your relationship to it, you are placing yourself under its DOMINION | AUTHORITY.



NOW WHAT?

- Learning to “Drive | Fly” is not natural, but learned. Initially, it is very mechanical. In time, the act is no longer governed by “rules and regulations.”

- It becomes natural and second nature.
- It is natural for the plane to fly.
- You are trying to teach people to fly who are already flying.
- All they see is obedience and rules. All you see is JESUS.

- For those who are just learning, it is very mechanical and unnatural. They are governed by the imperative.
- In time, they no longer think about it. They think about the indicative.

- They just do it. So also with Life in Christ. What begins as very mechanical, should become natural.



FINAL WORD

“In spite of the fact that the Christian is in a continuing struggle with the law of sin in his members, there is no verdict of condemnation against him.

FINAL WORD

There is no charge, no indictment, no judgment, and no penalty – because he is ‘in Christ Jesus.’ As A.T. Robertson comments, ‘This is Paul’s Gospel.’

FINAL WORD

This freedom from condemnation means freedom from past sins and pardon for future sins.”
Clifton J. Allen, *Romans*, 86.

**If the Gospel
you've heard
isn't too good
to be true, it
probably isn't
true!**