

# “Free to Choose”

Romans 6:8-14

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## THE BIG IDEA

The Christian life is a constant process of dying to self to be raised to a new life in Christ. We are continually putting off the old in order to put on the new. This process – the process of becoming holy – is called sanctification.

## GETTING STARTED

1. Are you a “word nerd” or do big words and their meanings make you glassy-eyed?
2. What is “cheap grace”? What does a more mature view of grace look like?

## LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

Together, read Romans 6:8-14.

3. How is Jesus’ resurrection different from the returns-to-life of others in the scriptures?
4. What does “In the same way” refer to in verse 11?
5. Read verse 13. What are the “parts of you”? This verse also talks about not being an instrument of sin but an instrument of righteousness. Discuss what this might mean.
6. What does it mean to live by grace and not by the law? What were the two mountains discussed in the message?

## LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

7. Can you think of a time in your life when you made a conscious decision to move from an attitude of cheap grace to walking in a mature faith?
8. To paraphrase Matthew Henry’s commentary on the Bible, walking in newness of life requires that we walk new paths, to new ends, with new companions, following new leaders. Are there parts of this journey that need some adjustments in your life?

## THE “EXTRA-MILE”

9. The journey of dying to sin and rising to a new life in Christ is like a garden that must be tended. Weeds (sins) crop up that need to be pulled so they don’t take over. What weeds are growing in your life that need to be pulled? Even little ones matter.

## SHARING & PRAYER REQUESTS