

## **Dethroned Monarch**

### **Romans 6:1-14**

Salvation is received not achieved. You are free from the penalty of sin and the power of sin. Union means access!

*For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.*

Colossians 1:13

#### **I. Know**

*We have died to sin once and for all, as a dead man passes away from this life. So how could we live under sin's rule a moment longer? Or have you forgotten that all of us who were immersed into union with Jesus, the Anointed One, were immersed into union with His death?*

Romans 6:2,3

*Sharing in His death by our baptism means that we were co-buried and entombed with Him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with Him. We have been co-resurrected with Him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life. For since we are permanently grafted into Him to experience a death like His, then we are permanently grafted into Him to experience a resurrection like His and the new life that it imparts.*

Romans 6:4,5

*Could it be any clearer that our former identity is now and forever deprived of its power? For we were co-crucified with Him to dismantle the stronghold of sin within us, so that we would not continue to live one moment longer submitted to sin's power. For by His sacrifice He died to sin's power once and for all, but He now lives continuously for the Father's pleasure.*

Romans 6:6,10

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#### **II. Count**

*So let it be the same way with you! Since you are now joined with Him, you must continually view yourselves as dead and unresponsive to sin's appeal while living daily for God's pleasure in union with Jesus, the Anointed One. Sin is a dethroned monarch; so you must no longer give it an opportunity to rule over your life, controlling how you live and compelling you to obey its desires and cravings.*

Romans 6:11,12

#### **III. Decide**

*So then, refuse to answer its call to surrender your body as a tool for wickedness. Instead, passionately answer God's call to keep yielding your body to Him as one who has now experienced resurrection life! You live now for His pleasure, ready to be used for His noble purpose. Remember this: sin will not conquer you, for God already has! You are not governed by law but governed by the reign of the grace of God.*

Romans 6:13,14

#### **CORE IDOLS**

<b>Power:</b>	Driven by a desire for influence or recognition
<b>Control:</b>	Everything must go according to your plan
<b>Approval:</b>	Craving to be accepted or desired
<b>Comfort:</b>	Longing for pleasure – sex, food, ease