

# The Long-Haul Gospel, Part 2

## Romans 6

(Preacher: Ken Werlein)

1. Last week we were given the first stanza of a prayer from J. D. Greear's Gospel, which we're memorizing together during this sermon series. When over the past week have these words been of help to you (or when might they have been of help to you, had you known and recalled them)?

***“In Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make You love me more, and nothing I have done that makes You love me less.”***

2. In the sermon we heard that the Gospel message is not what Christ did for us *plus* our good efforts that equals salvation; rather, the Gospel message is the Good News about what Christ has accomplished for us, period.
  - a. What *has* He accomplished, and what does this mean for you as a believer, according to Romans 6? (See also 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 55-57)
  - b. On the other end of the spectrum, what does this mean for those who don't believe (see 1 John 5:11-12)?
3. Apply to yourself the illustration of the dead body/zombie (sin nature) chained to the believer:
  - a. When do you most seem to sense your old sin nature reaching out and calling at you in your daily life?
  - b. What truths from Romans 6 would be good for you to memorize and recall for those times when you are wrestling with the old sin nature?
4. Pastor Ken reminded us that after we are justified (declared right before God; see Romans 5:1), we go through a sanctifying process of “reconstruction.” C.S. Lewis said “You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.” How does Romans 5:1-5 speak to this sometimes painful reconstruction?
5. Recall the illustration of little Wesley, choosing to have a different mindset at age 7 than he had at age 6.
  - a. How do you relate to this illustration?
  - b. What steps are you taking in order to grow as a Christian, and what results are you seeing from it? (See Hebrews 5:12-14; 2 Peter 3:18; Galatians 5:22)