

PUT SIN TO DEATH — RO.8:13

1. HOW DANGEROUS IS SIN IN US AS BELIEVERS?

Ro.8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

- This is God's mercy to me to help me take up the sword of the Spirit and make war on my sin.
- The Make Believers Says, "I do not need warnings like that". That is the flesh speaking.
- Killing our sin is the same as pursuing holiness. This is the positive view.

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord

Mat 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

- If you make peace with lust you will sense that you are secure.
- The grace that justifies is also the power that sanctifies.

2. HOW SHALL WE PUT SIN TO DEATH?

- To strike a killing blow to the root of sin, you have to know what the root is.
- The root of sin is "preferring anything to God".
- There is so much branch trimming, and not so much root severing.

Mat 12:33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

- Kill the tree! Do not pick fruit and throw it away. What good is that?
- There is no eternal point in mustering your will power to stop a sin, and leave the entire root system in place.

The Rich Young Ruler (Mt.19:16-22)

- Rich young ruler preferred his riches over Christ. Eye of a needle. Who can be saved?
- Jesus responded, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Mt.19:26).

1Th 4:3-5 ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

- The logic is that if they knew God this would change. Paul is connecting knowing God to killing sin