"Overcoming the Power of Sin"

Romans: I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel Pastor Harold Long March 27, 2022

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Next Six Day Challenge (Daily Readings)

- **Monday: 1 John 1:9,** *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* **Q:** When is the last time you confessed your sin, if ever? Make a plan and come clean, so you can be free.
- **Tuesday: 1 John 1:8,** "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." <u>Q: Will you admit that you are a sinner, and in one way or another under the power of sin?</u>
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to every person. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." Q: Do you enjoy sin, or do you seek to escape it?
- **Thursday: Acts 22:16,** "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name." <u>Q: Have you even been baptized? Is it time to reaffirm your baptism?</u>
- Friday: 1 Peter 1:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." <u>Q: Jesus paid-it-all, do feel you</u> have been healed, or do you still feel dirty?
- Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Q: Do you feel blinded from the gospel? If you are not committed to living a Jesus-centered life, and rarely read, study, and apply the design for living a Jesus-centered life, given to us by Jesus himself, there is a good chance you are blinded right now.

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