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Sin is no longer our master! We are no longer its slaves!

The second phase of our new relationship to innate sin is that:

2. We are to be progressively dying to the remaining power of innate sin.

Let us note the following verses:

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,

- Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
- Rom 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!
- Rom 6:16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
- Rom 6:21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.
- Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
- Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,
- Rom 8:7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;
- Rom 8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- Rom 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.
- Rom 8:12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh --
- Rom 8:13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Although sin is no longer our master, nevertheless it continues to attempt to gain some degree of control in various aspects of our lives. Sin tries to rule us, no matter how spasmodically or temporarily. It is