

Message Notes

"What's with the Rhino?"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *What is sin anyway?*

Last week - We kill sin because we MUST

This week - We kill sin because we CAN

Doctrine - *If you are a Christ follower, sin no longer has authority (mastery) over you!*

How is that possible? 5 Scriptural Thoughts to set you free...

1. Jesus Christ has Authority

Matthew 8:5-10

Matthew 28:18

Matthew 9:5-6

Authority:

Do the demons really believe and obey that authority?

Matthew 8:28, 29

2. You are "in Christ"

Romans 6:1-4

3. You have been bought by Jesus and now belong to him

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

4. Therefore, You have authority over sin because you are in Jesus

Matthew 10:1

Romans 6:11-14

5. Sin is stronger than you and has power, but not authority in your life - this results in constant warfare!

Romans 7:15-25

Application - *Will you fight for your right to party? (by Killing Sin!)*

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Matthew 8:29

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**BE KILLING SIN
OR IT WILL BE
KILLING YOU!**

A study of John Owen's "A Mortification of Sin"



What is sin?



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Sin is:

the vehicle that transports me away from God. It increases the distance between where I am and the destination I seek.

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Sin is:

destruction

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Sin is:

IDOLOTRY -- that is, worshiping something other than God to fill me in a way that pushes God out of where he belongs (in the King spot of my life) and places me or leisure or sex or vacations or rest or lust or any other thing as an idol in it's place.

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Sin is:

attempting to fill legitimate needs
through illegitimate means.

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Sin is:

choosing my innate, sinful desires, telling myself that they are "better", more "right" for me, or more "satisfying" to me than what God, holy and infinite, has set before me. I hate sin. I hate that I choose it over God. I am not worthy of His grace and mercy, but God ROCKS! I am alive only by His infinite worth!

Foundation for Mortification

Romans 8:13

“If you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body you shall live.”



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This week (Part 2 of 3 on why...):



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²Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." ³At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" ⁴Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵**Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?** ⁶**But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....**" Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷And the man got up and went home. ⁸When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

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Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Authority:

Exousia:

1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases

2) physical and mental power, especially the ability or strength with which one is endowed, which he either possesses or exercises

3) the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege)

4) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed)

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He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

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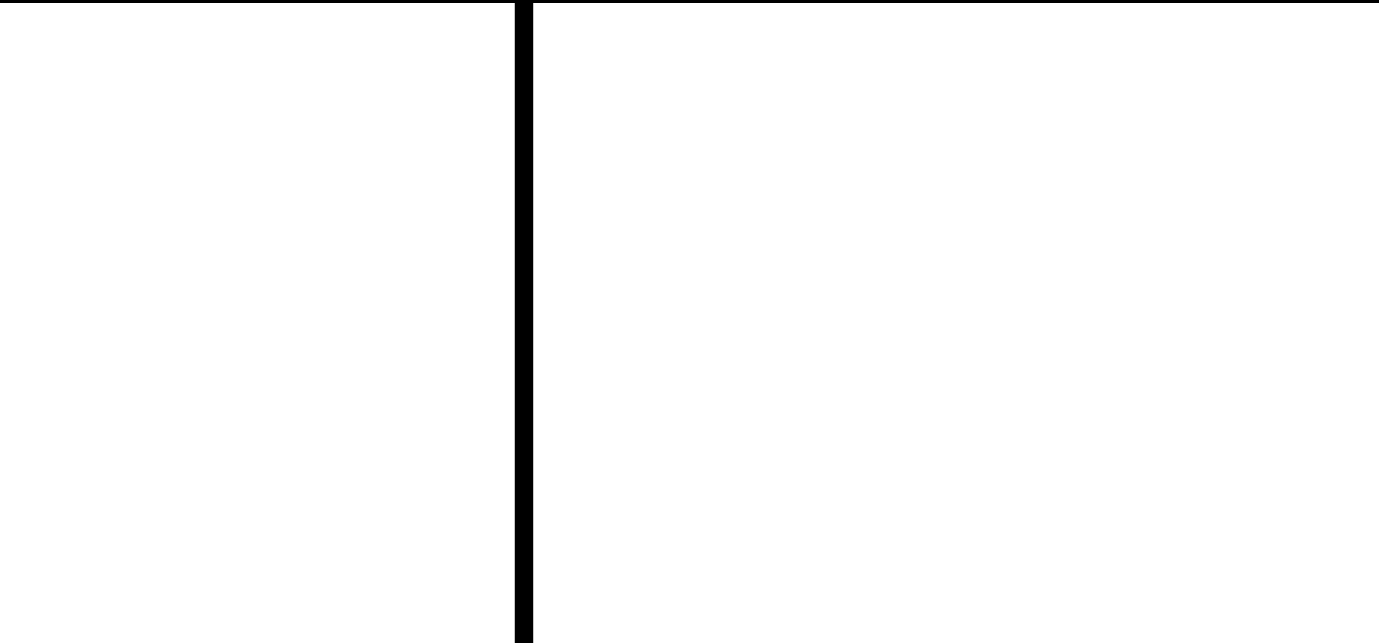
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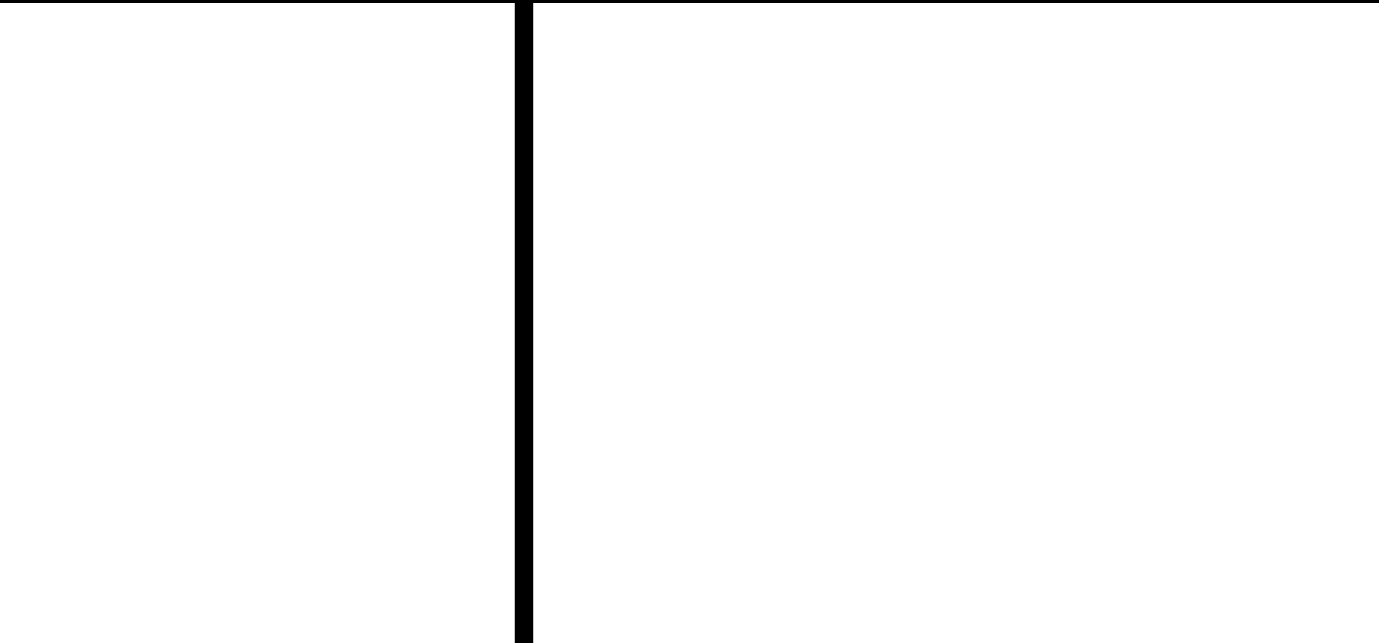
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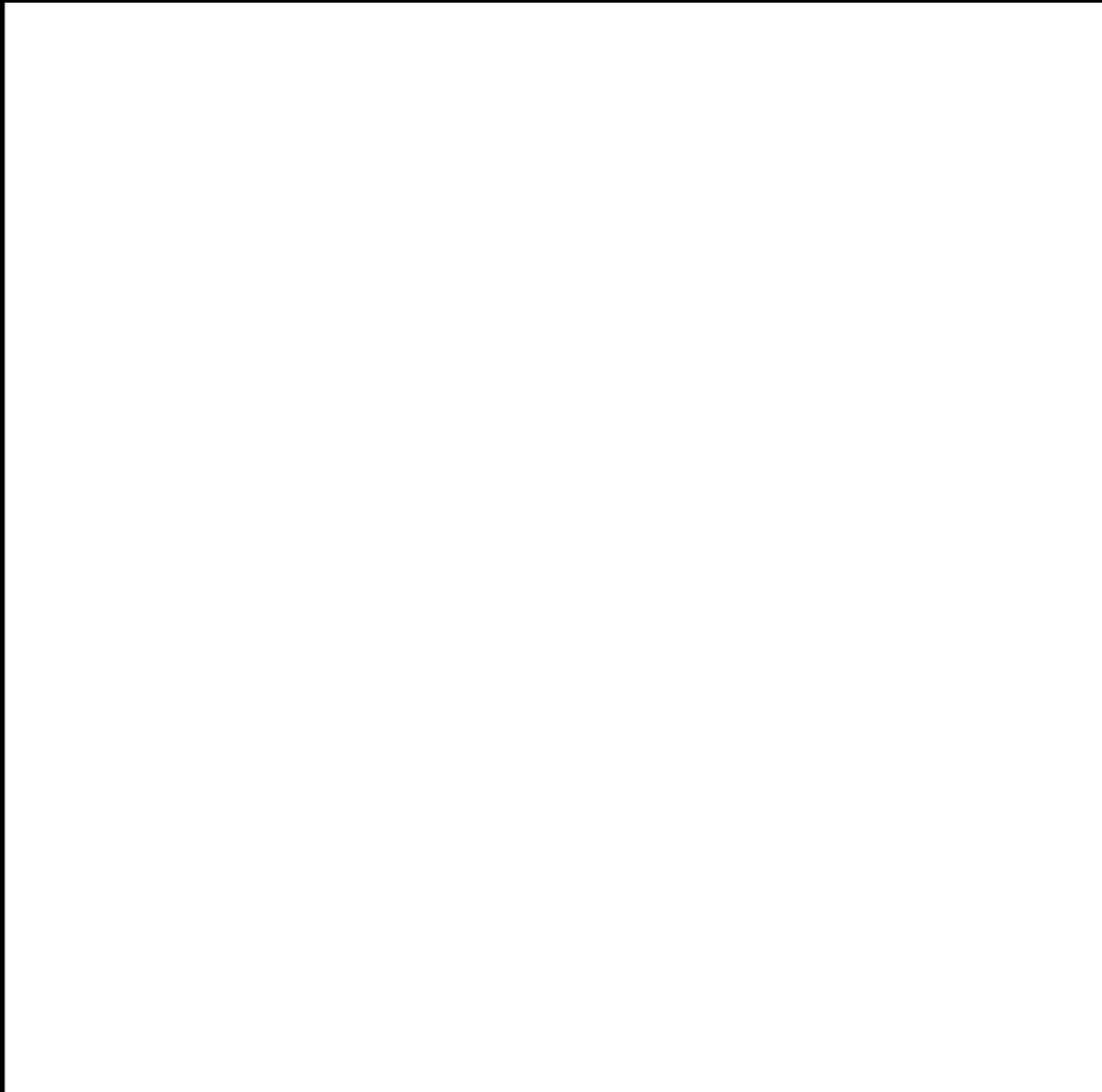
Power vs Authority:

“If a rhinoceros were to enter this restaurant now, there is no denying he would have great power here. But I would be the first to rise and assure him that he had no authority whatever.”

~ G. K. Chesterton, describing the difference between power and authority



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The war we are in:

“Do you mortify;
do you make it your daily work;
be always at it while you live;
cease not a day from this work;
be killing sin or it will be killing you.”

~ John Owen – The Mortification of Sin quoted
from *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, page 50

The war we are in:

“We have a “body of death” (Rom. 7:24), from whence we are not delivered but by the death of our bodies (Phil. 3:20). Now, it being our duty to mortify, to be killing of sin while it is in us, we must be at work. He that is appointed to kill an enemy, if he leave [cease] striking before the other ceases living, does but half his work (Gal. 6:9; Heb. 12:1; 2 Cor. 7:1).”

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The war we are in:

“Sin does not only still abide in us, but is still acting, still laboring to bring forth the deeds of the flesh. When sin lets us alone we may let sin alone; but as sin is never less quiet than when it seems to be most quiet, and its waters are for the most part deep when they are still, so ought our contrivances against it to be vigorous at all times and in all conditions, even where there is least suspicion.”

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You MUST fight!

“But if you don’t find yourself dodging the rhino’s horn day and night in a struggle against sin, it may be that you’ve made peace with the rhino. You are willingly, happily under its power and rule....

I appeal to you, for the sake of your soul; Run to Christ! Only he can slay the rhino in your heart.”

~Kris Lundaard, *The Enemy Within: Straight Talk about the Power and Defeat of Sin*, p. 34.

Application:

Will you fight for your right to party?

(By KILLING SIN!)