

# To Reign in Life

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 5:12-21.

B. There is more to Christianity than forgiven sins and heaven at the end of death, although many Christians never go beyond this.

## II. Christ through the Holy Spirit comes to live in each believer through the human heart.

A. Jesus' indwelling risen life will deliver us from the power of sin.

B. This is true so that every Christian can experience victory in his life.

## III. Something is obviously wrong with the human race: death reigns.

A. This not only refers to the end of life, but the death and futility that is in life.

B. Life is a growing awareness of emptiness.

C. We are children of Adam, and we all wake up to the truth of the self-centeredness of our lives.

## IV. God has found a way to end the old life and provide new life to the believer.

A. The life of Christ is more powerful than the life of Adam in a person, so it is easier to be good than it is to be bad when Christ indwells in one.

B. Law comes in to increase sin, not alleviate it. It reveals sin to be what it is in the life a person.

C. Grace abounds even more in the one who believes. God is greater than man is.

D. The life of Christ inserted into man alone enables Him to live as man was meant to be.

E. All Christians have eternal life, but not all have abundant life. Jesus came to give us abundant life.

### **Application questions:**

1. In what ways can you see the reign of "death" around you today?

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2. Why is the life of Christ so much more powerful than the life of Adam?

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3. How would you respond to someone beating himself over because of a repeated sin in light of this message? Explain.

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