

Week 5 - "Come Thou Fount"

The Battle Against Sin and Our Wandering Hearts

Big Idea: Because Christ has freed us from sin's rule, we fight our wandering hearts by remembering God's faithfulness, remembering who we are in Christ, and offering ourselves continually to God.

Opening Question

Where did you experience the "battle" we talked about Sunday in your own life this week?

[Read Romans 6:1–14](#)

Discussion

1. *The hymn contains the remarkably honest confession, "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it." Where do you most clearly recognize that tendency to wander in your own heart?*
2. *According to Romans 6:1–7, what has happened to us because we have been united with Christ? Why is that more significant than simply being told to try harder against sin?*
3. *One of the key ideas from this week is: Sin is still present, but sin is no longer master. Why is that distinction so important for Christians struggling against ongoing sin?*
4. *Paul tells us in verse 11 to "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." Why do we need to actively remind ourselves of something that is already true?*
5. *How does knowing who you are in Christ change the way you approach temptation?*

6. *Verses 12–13 repeatedly use the language of reigning, obeying, and presenting ourselves. What does that reveal about the nature of our daily battle against sin?*
7. *What does it practically look like to “present yourselves to God” rather than presenting yourself to sin?*
8. *“Come Thou Fount” says, “Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’m come.” In 1 Samuel 7:12, the Ebenezer was a tangible reminder that “Thus far the LORD has helped us.” Why is remembering God’s past faithfulness such a powerful weapon against present temptation?*
9. *What is an “Ebenezer” in your own life—a specific moment, season, answered prayer, deliverance, or experience where you can look back and say, “God helped me there”?*
10. *Temptation often requires spiritual amnesia—forgetting God’s goodness, His promises, sin’s consequences, or our identity. What are you most likely to forget when you’re tempted?*
11. *Where are you presently most tempted to offer yourself back to an old pattern that Christ has freed you from? What might it look like to offer that part of yourself to God instead?*

Closing Question

Based on tonight’s passage, what truth do you need to actively remember and believe this week?

Prayer Prompts

- **Remember God’s faithfulness:** Thank God together for specific “Ebenezers”—ways He has sustained, rescued, provided for, forgiven, or changed us.
- **Fight sin from our new identity:** Pray for specific areas of temptation and ask God to help us live from the truth that we are **dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus**.

- **"Here's my heart":** Close the entire series by asking God to expose wandering affections and help each person surrender those places to Him again.