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 - d. The Only Basis—"In Christ Jesus"

How Can We Practice This Command?

- 1. Study and meditate on 6:1-10 until you understand it.
- 2. Believe it to be true!
- 3. Remind yourself constantly about this truth, until it becomes second nature.
- 4. Remind yourself of this truth at the moment of temptation.

How Does This Command Help in our Battle with Sin?

- 1. It teaches us about our new identity in Christ.
- 2. It warns us that if we are living in unrepentant sin, God will discipline.
- 3. It reminds us that the source of sin is not the new person we are in Christ, but our unredeemed flesh.
- 4. It reminds us that we don't have to give in to sin.
- 5. It provides real hope for growth and holiness.
- 6. It provides assurance of our salvation.
- 7. It provides confidence that God will complete in us what He started.