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**4. Interrogative Question:**

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* ***‘If you don’t kill sin, sin will kill you’*** (David Brown)
* ***‘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’*** (John Owen)
  + **Illus.** ‘Parable of 10 virgins’ (c/f Matt.25:1-13)
* They were all invited
* They all professed the Bridegroom as Lord
* They were all waiting for Him
* They all fell asleep while waiting
* **Summary: They tried to live as Christians without Christ**
* **Apply:** A profession of faith, religious talk and outward behavior CAN LOOK like evidences of conversion…scariest category in Scripture: the self-deceived
* **Q.  *What does it mean to ‘kill sin’?...And how do we do it?***

1. **An Intriguing Context (12,13), *‘So then, …we are debtors not to the flesh…’*** 
   1. ***‘So then, brothers…’*** or ‘therefore then’ – back to verse 11
   * The jubilant confession of a believer
   * The hope of eternal glory (11) and present power, ***‘…give life’*** (11)
   * ***‘Brothers’*** – what’s Paul saying?
   1. **Distinguishing Paul’s Usage of ‘Flesh’**
   * **Flesh:** Soft part of the body; Simply the body itself; human race
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* It’s a ‘how we live’ juxtaposition, ***‘For if…die’ vs ‘if…live’*** (13)
* Remember what Paul said in Rom.8:2,5,10,14?
* Is the flesh is irredeemable?
  1. **We Owe the Flesh Nothing**
  + External necessity vs. internal compulsion
  + Our new Master through adoption (15) and our joy – He (Holy Spirit) rules my heart
  + So live by the Spirit…its for your greater joy…and it results in ***‘life and peace’*** (6)

1. **An Impossible Command, *‘…if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body…’*** 
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   * Old English word, ‘Mortify’ = Not just ‘check, restrain or bridle’ them?
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   1. **How are we to do it?**
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* Means putting sin to death ‘with God’
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  + But also, ***‘…through the things of the Spirit’*** (5)
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* **Apply**: Swing the sword **Illus.** 
  1. **Sorry, how do we kill sin?** ***‘You do it…’***
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