

## Dead to Sin, Alive to God – Romans 6



MEMORY VERSE: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:23

### DAY 1 ROMANS 6:1-4 — New Life out of Death

1. Read all of chapter 6. How many times do you see the word, “sin,” or a word that refers to sin? Why do you think it is mentioned so many times?
2. Why do you think Paul posed the question in verse 1? see also 5:20-21
3. What was his reasoning as he answered his own question?
4. What is your understanding of baptism according to these verses? See also Acts 2:37-39.
5. What do you think it looks like to “die to sin,” and to “walk in newness of life?”

### LEARN THE TRUTH

Sin can be mighty appealing, but while it satisfies for a moment, it leads to death in the end. Without Christ, we are enslaved to sin, but Christ’s death *for* us has broken the power of sin *over* us. Think about your habitual choices. Are you choosing life or death? Who is your master?

### DAY 2 ROMANS 6:5-11 — United with Christ

6. What can we know with certainty when we are united with Christ in baptism? v. 5

7. Why did our “old self” have to be crucified with Christ? vv. 6-7

Galatians 2:20-21

8. What assurances do we have because Christ was raised from the dead? vv. 8-10

9. What mindset are believers to have? Do you feel you have this mindset? Why or why not? v. 11

Ephesians 4:17-24

10. Why is being *free* from sin different from simply *refraining* from sin? 2 Corinthians 5:17

### DAY 3 ROMANS 6:12-14 — The Believer’s Responsibility

11. In order to live as a new creation, what must believers be careful *not* to do? Why?

12. What should we do instead? Why?

13. Why does sin have no dominion over followers of Christ?

14. Jot down actions that will help us grow in our new position in Christ. Colossians 3:1-17

15. What have you found to be especially difficult, or helpful, in your journey from being an instrument of unrighteousness to one of righteousness?

### DAY 4 ROMANS 6:15-19 — Choose Your Master

16. Paul asked a similar question in verse 15 to the one in verse 1. What was he concerned about?

17. Why is it so important that we stop sinning, even though we know we will be forgiven?

18. Slaves historically have no free will. How does the slavery described here include free will as well as a lack of free will?

19. What do you think it means to be a slave to righteousness? See also Luke 16:13

20. How does knowing the truth of this Scripture encourage you as you make daily decisions?

## DAY 5 ROMANS 6:20-23 – Wage or Gift?

21. What is true about a person who is enslaved to sin? vv. 20-21

22. What lies or mindset do you think keep a person enslaved to sin?

23. What most appeals to you about being free from sin and a slave to God?

24. Are you concerned about anything in your life that threatens to own you, or might be keeping you from experiencing true freedom in Christ?

25. How does Psalm 103:10-12 encourage you if you are troubled by sin in your past or current life?

## LOVE THE TRUTH

The strongest person on earth is a slave- either enslaved to sin, or to God. No one is stronger than their master. If we offer ourselves to sin, it will own us and control us. If we offer ourselves to Christ, He will not only forgive us, but transform us. The weakest person on earth can be strong in the Lord.

## Romans 6

### Dead to Sin, Alive to God

Obviously sin is a very serious matter. Because God loves us, He hates the devastation sin causes in our lives, especially as it puts a wedge in our relationship with Him and leads to death. God moved heaven and earth to provide a way for us to be free from sin and spend eternity with Him. Through faith in Christ, we are deemed righteous, free from the eternal death penalty of sin. He paid the price! Sin also has no more power over us because Christ defeated death at the cross. It is vital that we choose daily to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, the same power that raised Christ from the dead. When we do, we *experience* freedom from sin and live in righteousness. It is possible to be saved by Christ's sacrifice, yet still live in bondage to sin.

Sin and righteousness, law and grace are *authorities* that legally bind us to obedience. We *will* obey one or the other. Aristotle said that each of our actions are voluntary, but with each voluntary action our disposition becomes increasingly involuntary. As time goes on, we continue to make choices, but each of our choices are influenced by former choices until a predisposition toward right or wrong develops. We choose our master by our repeated choices.

Paul exhorts believers to become in experience what they are in position- dead to sin and alive to God! While salvation in Christ is immediate upon believing, it takes time to fully grasp what this means. While sin no longer has power over us, sometimes it *feels* like sin is our master because we are still tempted, and still give in to sin at times. The more we choose to live in obedience to God, the more He changes our desires, empowering us to live in freedom. We choose to "put off" the old life and "put on" the new life. We choose to present ourselves to God and his Word, and let Him renew our hearts and thoughts. We choose to learn and to love His Word and walk in truth. Sin has no power over us when we choose God as our master. When we do this,

we are not only IN Christ, but we are all about Christ.

There is no reason to hold on to guilt for sin that has been forgiven, and no reason to keep replaying it in our minds. Because Satan is "the accuser of the brethren," he, and sometimes people who know us, will continually remind us of shameful deeds from our past. (Revelation 12:10) But God does not look at us that way. He is the only one who has a right to measure us, and He measures accurately! Because of faith in Christ, we measure up! God counts us as righteous and He remembers our sins no more!

### WALK IN TRUTH



Are you bothered by the sin in your life, either from your past or in the present? Do you realize that you are forgiven when you are IN Christ? The truth is that, upon believing in Christ, God has "removed our iniquities as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12) Why did God use the analogy of east and west to describe forgiveness? Think about the globe. If you travel north, you will eventually arrive at the north pole. If you keep going, you will then be traveling south and will eventually come to the south pole. But if you travel east or west, you can keep going in that direction indefinitely. In this sense, the east and west never meet. Our sins are remembered no more unless we turn back in the direction of our past! God forgets our sins, so we must too!

"By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything."  
1 John 3:19-20