

Bible studies for disciples who make disciples

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Christ in You: *Enjoying Our Union with Christ*

Life-Defining Practices

Romans 6:1-14

STUDY NOTE

Paul is writing to believers in Rome about the essence of the gospel. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. By grace, God provided a righteousness, apart from the Law, which comes by faith in Christ. By faith, we who were once *in Adam* are now *in Christ*. In our union with Christ, God credits us with the perfect righteousness of His Son. As Chapter 6 opens, Paul responds to an inevitable question: “If God forgives us when we sin, shouldn’t we sin big and just ask for forgiveness?”

I. Read Romans 6:1-10 to see how Paul answers this question:

¹ “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.”

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Paul knows that a normal reaction to the message of God’s abounding grace to sinners may be taken as an invitation to sin more in order to get more grace. The Apostle’s response is as emphatic as it is essential for the believer’s relationship to sin has changed.

1. How is the question in verse 1 (mistaken as it is) a legitimate test for whether we have understood the message of salvation by grace alone?

2. We know it's presumptuous to act sinfully knowing God is in the forgiving business, but do you ever compromise by thinking you'll just confess it later?

3. The phrase, "died to sin" (v. 2) is important. What does it mean?

Are we just playing a mind game to think, "I'm dead to sin" when you feel very much alive to it?

4. How does Paul answer his own question in verses 3-8?

How does our union with Christ alter our relationship with sin?

5. How does baptism reinforce the picture of our death to sin?

6. In Sunday's message, Pastor Paul said, "To be in Christ means that we are no longer treated by God as sinners." How does God now see us and what difference does this make?

7. Verse 6 says our "old self" was crucified with Christ. What does this mean?

8. In our union with Christ, we have been given a new identity. So, why do we still struggle with the similar temptations and sinful patterns?

II. Read Romans 6:11-14 to see how to put this into practice.

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

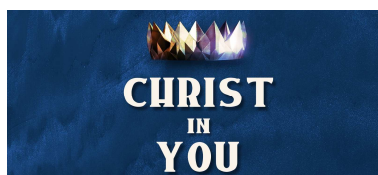
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All of us know that overcoming stubborn, life-dominating sins is not as easy as just saying *no*. Even though we may know these sins are having a destructive effect in our lives, we still feel powerless to stop. In this section, Paul explains how we can consistently live out the promise that sin will no longer reign over us.

10. What are these verses telling us to do?

11. How does not being under the law help us break away from sin’s dominion over us?

12. How do these verses give hope to any believer struggling with addictions?



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THE
BIBLE RECAP
BY D-GROUP

Sunday, February 28 thru Saturday, March 6, 2021

Numbers 11-13; Numbers 14-15; Numbers 16-17;

Numbers 18-20; Numbers 21-22; Numbers 23-25;

Numbers 26-27