

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
A Study in the Book of Romans

Death with Christ, Life in Christ Romans 6:1–14

"...count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11

Read Romans 6:1–5.

1. Why do you think Paul asks, "Shall we go on sinning..." (v. 1)? (Review Rom. 5:20-21.)

How do we abuse God's grace in our attitude toward sin?

2. Paul is demonstrating that through union with Christ, believers have been taken from one realm (with Adam as its representative head) to a new realm (with Christ as its representative head).
 - a. What words and phrases describe the way you were in Adam?

 - b. What words or phrases describe the way you are in Christ?

 - c. What do these phrases mean in a practical sense?
3. What do you think it means to be "baptized into [Christ's] death" (v. 3)? (vv. 4-5)

Read Romans 6:6–10.

4. The "old self" (v. 6) is who we were before our union with Christ. Does it still exist? (v. 6; 2 Cor. 5:17)

What do we know about this old self? (Col. 3:5–10)

5. The phrase "set free" in verse 7 is better translated "justified" or "acquitted."
 - a. If a person has committed a crime and justly been sentenced for it, how can he/she be justified and set free?

 - b. Once the penalty has been "paid," does this person have anything more to fear from the law?
6. As sinners, our sentence was death. How has our penalty been paid? (1 Pet. 2:24)

What is the result of that payment? (vv. 6–7)

7. List the facts stated about Christ in verses 9–10. Do you believe that each of them applies to you?

8. We know that Christ himself was sinless. How then could he “die to sin” (v. 10)? (Heb. 2:14-17)
(📖 2 Cor. 5:21; Is. 53:4–5)

9. How have we as believers already been raised from the dead? (vv. 2-11; 8:10)

How will we be raised in the future? (8:11) (📖 1 Cor. 15:42-44, 51-52)

Read Romans 6:11–14.

10. Read verse 11. How do we count ourselves dead to sin? (v. 12; Rom. 13:14)

11. What are the commands given in verses 12-13?

If we have died to sin (v. 2) why do you think we are commanded to “*not let sin reign*” (v. 12)?

12. a. What does it look like for you not to “let sin reign” (v. 12) or “offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness” (v. 13)?

b. What does it look like for you to “offer yoursel[f] to God . . . and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness” (v. 13)?

c. Pray about one or two areas of your life in which you want to see change.

13. Look back at the mistaken understanding of sin and grace in verse 1. What does today’s passage show their true relationship to be? (v. 14)