

Romans 6 Dying to live

Key Scriptures

Romans 5:20-21 where sin increased, grace multiplied all the more,²¹ so that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:1-8 ^{NET 1} What shall we say then? Are we to remain in sin so that grace may increase?

² Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

³ Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶ We know that our old man was crucified with him so that the body of sin would no longer dominate us, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷ (For someone who has died has been freed from sin.)

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Key Point: Grace frees us from sin, but never frees us to sin.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What is the closest you have come to losing your life?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

Most commentators see Romans 6-8 as Paul moving to the subject of sanctification. While justification is God's declaring believing sinners righteous, sanctification is the process of becoming more like Christ, living a life of righteousness and personal holiness; It is God producing righteousness in the believer.

- V. 1 is Paul's rhetorical question, which some people might conclude after reading Romans 5:20-21. What is another way of saying 6:1? How might someone use this as an argument against grace?
- What words and phrases describe the believer's union or identification with Christ? (you may want to underline them)
- What does Paul say happened to our old selves?
- How would you summarize the things Paul wants us to know? (v. 3, 6, 9)

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- If Christians really are dead to sin and alive to God, why do you think we still struggle with temptation?
- Has learning more about Romans 5 & 6 helped you feel more secure in your relationship with Christ? Explain.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- If you have not been baptized, what is keeping you from it?
- Do you give yourself excuses for why you sin? How can you apply this passage to your excuses, and temptations?

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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