

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 12 - Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ - [Romans 6:1-14](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning now so God can show kindness and mercy to us in ever greater ways?

2 Never! It just can't be! How can we now continue to wallow in sin, if it was sin that we died to?

3 Don't you know that when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into union with Him in His death?

4 Realize this: In baptism we died to our old life of sin, and that old life was now buried with Christ. But then, just as Christ rose from the dead through the power of the Father, we too, by that same power, raised from death to live in the freshness of a new life.

5 Because if we have become joined with Christ in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

6 Also realize that our old evil self was nailed to the cross with Him, so that the sinful person we were would be destroyed, and we would no longer be slaves to sin.

7 Because sin has no power over anyone who is dead.

8 Now if we died to sin with Christ, we believe we will also live an altogether new life with Him.

9 We know that Christ was raised from the dead. He won't die anymore. Death no longer has any power over Him.

10 Because in regard to the reason He died, He died once, and only once, in order to make amends for the sins of all of us. But now that He's alive, His only concern is to live to please God.

11 The same must now be true of all of you! You must recognize yourselves to be dead and unresponsive to the influence and control of sin over you, but alive to the will and desires of God for you because of your union with Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 So don't allow sin to continue any longer to reign as king on the throne in your mortal body, making you obey it and fulfill its various passions.

¹³This means you must refuse to surrender any part of your body as a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Realize that you are now alive after being dead! Therefore, surrender yourselves completely to God, so that all the parts of your body may become tools for God to use in a right and honorable way.

¹⁴So you must refuse to allow sin to lord it over you any longer! Remember, you are now under the sway and influence of God's undeserved kindness, and not under the Law of Moses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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136. Why should a forgiven, justified person not sin? ([6:1-2](#))
137. For what reason would a person not want to live in sin any longer? ([6:2](#))
138. What does baptism symbolize about our relationship to Christ? ([6:2-4](#))
139. What makes it possible for a person to live a new life? ([6:4](#))
140. Before a person is united to Christ, to what is he or she a slave? ([6:6](#))
141. How does being united with Christ through His death change our relationship to sin? ([6:7](#))
142. After Christ died and was raised, why did neither sin nor death have any power over Him? ([6:7](#), [9-10](#))
143. How will uniting with Christ in His death change the future of our lives? ([6:8-10](#))
144. In a person's new relationship with God, what is his or her relationship to sin supposed to be? ([6:11-12](#))
145. What change in attitude and action toward God happens in a person who follows Christ? ([6:11-13](#))
146. Under whose control does a Christian live? ([6:14](#))
147. How does being under grace change a person? ([6:14](#))

Lesson 13 - Slaves to Righteousness - [Romans 6:15-23](#)

Be Slaves Now to Righteousness

¹⁵And what does that mean? Does it mean we are free to sin, because we are no longer under the Law, but under the mercy of God's undeserved kindness? Never!

¹⁶Don't you know that you are the slaves of the one to whom you make a practice of obeying? Either you are slaves of sin, which ends in death, or you are slaves sincerely dedicated to obeying God, resulting in righteousness.

¹⁷I thank God that although you were slaves of sin, now you've become obedient with all your heart to the truths you were taught.

¹⁸And upon being set free from sin, you became slaves to doing what's right and honorable and pleasing to God.

¹⁹I'm using these common, everyday terms because of the weakness of your spiritual understanding. Just as you once offered the various parts of your bodies as slaves to immoral conduct and to ever-increasing vile actions, now, in the same way, give yourselves wholeheartedly as slaves to doing what's right and good, resulting in pure, blameless lives.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free of any desire or concern to do what was right and pleasing to God.

²¹But honestly now, what good did you gain from doing those things of which you are now ashamed? Because the end result of such living is death!

²²But now, after being set free from slavery to sin, and becoming slaves of God, the benefits you gain are all the blessings that result from a life wholly dedicated to God. And the end result is everlasting life.

²³Because the wages paid for sin is death, but the gift that God offers us is forgiveness and everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 13 - Slaves to Righteousness - [Romans 6:15-23](#)

148. Why shouldn't a Christian continue to sin willingly? ([6:15-18](#))
149. Who or what determines the things that dominate or control a person? ([6:16](#))
150. How does sin dominate a person's life? ([6:16-18](#))
151. What results follow from being a slave to obedience to God? ([6:16](#), [19](#), [22](#))
152. What is the result of being a slave to sin? ([6:16](#), [21](#), [23](#))
153. With what attitude do believers obey their new master, righteousness? ([6:17](#))
154. What change has happened to people who have put their trust in Christ? ([6:17-18](#))
155. What is the result of being a slave to righteousness? ([6:19](#), [22](#))

156. What are the wages of sin? ([6:23](#))

157. What is the gift of God? ([6:23](#))