

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Romans 6:1-14

1. Those saved by grace are to be separate and can have victory over sin. (6:1-11)

- a) We are free not only from the penalty of sin but from the power of sin. (6:1-2)
- b) We are not to live in a “free to sin” mentality and lifestyle. (6:1-2)
- c) We have died to our old life and died with Christ. (6:3-5)
- d) Our baptism is a picture of our union with Christ (6:3-5)
- e) We have been raised to a new life just as Christ was resurrected to a new life. (6:4-5)
- f) We are no longer slaves to the lure of sin nor to the guilt of past sin. (6:5-7)
- g) We have victory in Jesus. God does not want us to live defeated lives. (6:8-11)
 - We have confidence in the face of death. It no longer has a hold over us.
 - Sin no longer has a hold over us.
 - We have a victorious life if we rest in Jesus. Rest in the fact that you have been given victory over a habitually sinful lifestyle.
 - We have security in Christ. The curse of sin cannot return to us after justification. We cannot sin our way out of God’s grace nor do we want to.

2. “If I have really been freed from sin, why do I struggle with it so much?” What must I do? (6:12-23)

- a) Do not let sin rule in your body. Resist the pursuit of your fleshly lusts. (6:12)
- b) Do not present yourselves to pursue sin in your life. (6:13)

What actions do I take that cause me to pursue sin instead of God’s ways?

- Making provision for my fleshly desires (13:14)
 - * what I read, who I listen to, what I purchase, what I keep in my home, what I decide each day to pursue, etc.
- Failing to discipline myself (1 Tim 4:7) Daily decisions must be made to avoid feeding your fleshly desires. Submit to God.

“BUT HOW DO I DO THIS?”

c) Present yourselves to God. Surrender to His leadership each day. (6:13; Rom. 12:1-2; John 15:5; Gal. 5:16,25; James 4:7)

- Realize when you pursue sin, you are operating in opposition to God. We fail to see the implications and seriousness of sin.
- Acknowledge your victory is completely in Him. Go back to His promises. Reflect upon, meditate upon your victory in Him.
- Yield to His control and to His work. See your new life and your calling in Him. He has plans for you to be an instrument of righteousness. Wow! We are not capable or adequate in ourselves but that is His transformation planned for you!

d) Live by grace and not by rules. (6:14)

- *What is our tendency?*

- *To outwardly change.
- *To conform to the religion around us.
- *To have secret sin.
- *To live by a set of rules that make us feel we are OK and look OK.

- Freely go to Him in repentance. You can approach the throne of grace. (Heb. 4:16)
- Freely go to Him acknowledging your inadequacy and His sufficiency. Go to prayer and lay all before Him.
- Lay aside guilt.
- Pray for a heart that is surrendered to Him.
- Rejoice in Him and all He has done for you!