

## Romans Chapter 6

In chapter five, Paul covered the topic of salvation as it is understood and experienced as reconciliation. Now, in chapter six, he brings to light salvation as it is to be understood and experienced as sanctification. *Reconciliation* is the reuniting of parties by the removal of all barriers that sought to separate them. *Sanctification* is the process of eliminating sin because of the growth of the intimacy and transformation a believer has with Jesus through reconciliation.

**Date: Monday, February 18**

**Scripture: Romans 6:1-7**

**Theme: Newness of Life**

- The opening diatribe of verses one and two may seem strange to us.
  - Are we to sin so that the manifestation and evidence of grace will be more apparent?
  - Paul assumed that some would attempt to reach this conclusion given the ending of chapter five.
  - They would say, “The more we sin, the more evident grace becomes.”
- Antinomianism taught that since we are saved by grace alone, there is no need keep any law whether Biblical, social, or moral.
  - The libertines believed that since the spiritual man has been saved by grace, what one does physically has no bearing on the spiritual.
  - They believed in separation of the spiritual and the physical.
- Consider what happens when we are baptized.
  - Spiritual baptism incorporates us into the Body of Christ.
  - Physical baptism is the example given by immersion where the old self is considered dead and buried and the new life in Christ is resurrected.
- Words to consider:
  - Newness: Look at 2 Corinthians 5:17. We are given a new nature because of the righteousness of Christ in us.

- Walk: Our daily life now reflects the end of sin's domination and our union with Christ.
- United: That which has been made to grow together.
- Verse 6: We have died with Christ thus ending the inevitable domination of sin, and our sin nature.
  - This has happened because our "body of sin"—the penalty for our sin nature—has been paid for through the cross.
  - We must also be raised to a new life apart from the domination of sin. This is possible because of the resurrected life of Christ living in us.
  - Because this is "new life" to us, while we receive it perfectly and completely, we must grow in our experience of it (sanctification) through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- Life thoughts:
  - We seem to have hung on to the inevitability of sin in our lives when we are supposedly dead to sin and raised in righteousness.
  - What does "dead to sin" and "newness of life" really mean for our daily walk?
  - What about statements such as: "I can't help it" and "That's just the way I am?"

**Date: Tuesday, February 19**

**Scripture: Romans 6:8-11**

**Theme: Consider Yourself** (How do you view your life?)

- Because:
  - Dying to sin through Christ means we must also live with Him in newness of life.
  - The inevitability of spiritual death ended with the Christ's resurrection—He will never die again.
  - His death to break the hold of sin will never have to be repeated—it is perfectly complete.
  - His death is for all—"whosoever believes."
  - We are dead to sin—the relation to it has been broken.
  - Alive to God—living in unbroken fellowship.
- Consider:
  - Reckon—to take into account
  - To make it central in your perception of self.

- I perceive myself dead to sin. The dead cannot be lured, enticed, motivated, or manipulated.
- I perceive myself as alive in Christ. The resurrected life is the life I live. This life is growing in its experience and understanding as the life that Christ lives.

**Date: Wednesday, February 20**

**Scripture: Romans 6:12-14**

**Theme: Make a Choice—You Have One**

- “Therefore, do not let sin have kingship as a tyrant in your earthly body so that you yield to its desires that are dominated by your sin nature and do not continue to offer the members of your body to sin as tools of unrighteousness.”
- Members of our body can be used as weapons to defend the old life and sin or defend and advance the new life in Christ.
  - A choice is presented—one that we must make and one that will not be made for us.
- The choice away from sin must be an empowered one.
  - It is empowered by the righteousness of Christ in us and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.
  - The choice to sin is a natural one—it needs nothing but our first nature to be fulfilled.
  - It is the natural and easy choice.
- The law is also lord where sin has dominion.
  - The Law raises our awareness of sin
  - The Law makes sin transgression
  - The Law increases the grasp of sin

**Date: Thursday, February 21**

**Scripture: Romans 6:15-19**

**Theme: Either/Or—Not Both**

- Verse 15: Such reasoning will devalue and bring deception regarding the results of sin.
  - Sin never gives us the full picture.
  - This also devalues the price paid for our freedom—the cross.
  - There is serious damage to faith when we allow legalism or libertinism to be infused.
- Obedience always carries with it a result—death or righteousness.
  - “Slavery is the lot of man—he is either a slave to sin or to God; there is no third possibility.” (Best)
  - Freedom from one means obedience to the other.
  - Obedience manifests the choice that is made.
- Galatians 5:13: Freedom is not an opportunity for indulging the flesh because of the security of grace.
- Sanctification: the process of eliminating sin because of the growth of the intimacy and transformation a believer has in Christ.

**Date: Friday, February 22**

**Scripture: Romans 6:20-23**

**Theme: Benefits Gained from Choice**

- Paul emphasizes what he is saying by moving from two types of slavery to two types of freedom.
  - Slaves to sin—free from righteousness
  - Slaves to righteousness—free from sin
- The only true freedom is freedom from the inevitability of the domination and eternal penalty of sin.
- When reading the word “benefit” in verse 21 insert the word “pay.”
- We earn death but we are given life.