

Romans 6:8-14 - Dead to Sin, Alive to God

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Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers,
including our spiritual Mothers, and longing Mothers.
May you be honored and comforted today.

I - Context of Romans:

1. **Author:** Apostle Paul to the Jewish and Non-Jewish followers of Jesus living in Rome.
2. **Purpose of the letter:** To UNIFY the Roman church by teaching what the core beliefs (Doctrine) are in following Jesus.
3. **Why was this important?** When the church is unified, the Gospel can spread faster!

II - Recap of Chapters:

1. Chapters 1-4: ALL of humanity trapped in sin and guilty before a Righteous God. Through faith in Christ, we are justified (made right with God).
2. Chapters 5-8: God creates a new humanity in Jesus Christ. Following Jesus means leaving the old life and entering a new life in Christ. Our Union with Christ should be transforming our lives.

III - Romans 6: 5-7 (*Listen to Pastor Ron's message last week)

1. We are united with Christ: in death and resurrection.
2. The "old self" was crucified with Christ.
3. No longer controlled by or enslaved to sin.
4. We've been set free from sin but where have we set up our "spiritual residency"?

IV - Romans 6: 8-11

1. Again, we are united with Christ: in death and resurrection.
2. Because of Jesus' resurrection, death has no claim on Him!
3. Jesus submitted to the death of sin and is now alive, honoring the Father
4. Our Union with Christ - Dead to sin, Alive to God

V - Romans 6: 12-14

1. No longer swimming in our sin
2. Our bodies as an instrument of wickedness
3. Our bodies as an instrument of righteousness
4. Not living under the law, but living under Grace