

**“The Cost of Discipleship” Part 2**  
**Mount of Olives | March 1, 2026 | Romans 6:1-4**  
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**Prayer of the Day**

Lord Jesus, thank You for the price You paid so that we may be the recipients of Your amazing grace. There are not words that can adequately express our gratitude. Therefore, help us to live lives that reflect our thankfulness. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

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**Message Notes**

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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**Study Questions**

Read Romans 6:1-14

**ICEBREAKER – Getting started:**

1. What’s something you’ve “outgrown” in life that used to define you?
2. When you hear the phrase “new life,” what images or ideas come to mind?

**Based on Romans 6:1-14, answer the following questions:**

**OBSERVATION – What does the text say?**

1. As you read **Romans 6:1-14**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

**INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?**

1. What misunderstanding about grace is Paul correcting when he asks, “Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound?”

2. How does Paul use the imagery of baptism to explain the believer's relationship to sin?
3. What does it mean to be "baptized into Christ's death," and how does that shape Christian identity?
4. How does Paul describe the connection between Christ's resurrection and the believer's new life?
5. In what sense is the "old self" crucified with Christ, and what practical implications does that have?
6. Explain what is meant by "freedom from sin"—what is it *not*, and what is it *instead*?
7. Why is death such a central metaphor in Paul's explanation of the Christian life?
8. What does Paul mean when he says, "sin shall no longer be your master"?
9. How does the contrast between being "under law" and "under grace" shape Paul's argument?
10. How does Paul distinguish between the *fact* of being freed from sin and the *practice* of resisting sin?
11. What does it mean to "offer" or "present" your body to God rather than to sin?
12. How does this passage redefine what true freedom looks like?
13. What does Paul suggest about the power of Christ's resurrection in the daily life of a believer?
14. How might this passage challenge common modern assumptions about personal autonomy, morality, or identity?

**APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?**

1. Where in your life are you most tempted to "continue in sin," and how does Paul's reminder that you have died with Christ challenge that pattern?
2. Paul says we are to "consider ourselves dead to sin but alive to God." What would it look like for you to *actively* adopt that mindset in your daily routines, relationships, or habits?
3. How does knowing that "sin will not have dominion over you" reshape the way you approach a recurring struggle or area of discouragement?
4. What is one concrete step you can take this week to live more fully in the freedom and newness of life described in this passage?