Romans Lesson 10 (2018)

**DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE IN CHRIST**

(The New Life of the Justified-1)

Romans 6:1-14 – Sanctification level ( previous justification )

Key Verse: 6:11

**Open**

1. What would most people l**ike to change about their lives**? What is one thing you’d like to change about your life? Look better / social position /

**Discover**

1. Read verses 1-4. What wrong conclusion does Paul’s imaginary questioner draw? (1,; 5:20-21) For what reason would a person not want to live in sin any longer? (2) What does baptism symbolize about our relationship to Christ? (3-4) What makes it possible to live a new life? (4)

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2**By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3**Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4**We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**

**20**The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, **21**so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Read verses 5-7. What does it mean that we are united with Christ? (5) Before a person is united to Christ, to what is he or she a slave? (6) How does being united with Christ through his death change our relationship to sin? (6-7)

**5**For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6**For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+6%3A1-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28075a)] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— **7**because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

**Fundamental changes – we are not longer in sin**

1. Read verses 8-10. What does Christ’s resurrection tell us about our present life? How will uniting with Christ in his death change the future of our lives?

**8**Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**9**For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. **10**The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

**We can’t go back to death ( die again , don’t go back to ourselves )**

1. Read verses 11-14. In a person’s new relationship with God, what is his or her relationship to sin supposed to be? (11-12) What change in attitude and action toward God happens in a person who follows Christ? (13) Under whose control does a Christ live? (14) How does being under grace change a person?

**11**In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12**Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **13**Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. **14For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.**

**Close**

1. Do you think most Christians take sin seriously? Do you? What have you found helpful in resisting sin? How has this passage affected your view of sin?