



DYING TO LIVE!

Romans 6:1-14

Romans 6 has been called “the victory chapter.” Paul wants believers to know the victory that is ours in Christ. We who were dead in sin, are now dead to sin! Christ’s victory at Calvary liberates us not only from sin’s penalty, but also from sin’s power. Moving from chapter 5 to chapter 6, we transition from a focus on condemnation and justification, to the subject of sanctification (Romans 6:1-8:39).

Condemnation – (to declare guilty, with ensuing punishment) - a result of Adam

Justification – (to declare righteous) - a result of Jesus (Romans 3:24, 5:9)

Sanctification – (to set apart) - a result of the Holy Spirit

The word “sanctify” means to set apart. Sanctification is a process beginning with salvation and ending with the believer’s entrance into heaven. *As we grow in grace, we find ourselves being separated with an ever-increasing gap from the world and in an ever-closer walk with the things of God.*

(John 17:17; 1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Phil. 1:6, 2:13; 2 Tim. 2:21; 1 Thess. 4:3-5, 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:13 Gal. 2:20; Heb. 10:14, 13:12; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Peter 1:2-4; 1 John 1:9)

Romans 6:1-2 is Paul’s use of the rhetorical question to answer those who might challenge the doctrine of grace. He knew there would be those that would argue, “if grace abounds because of sin, shouldn’t we keep on sinning?” (Romans 5:20).

How can I have victory over sin in my life? How can I grow in Christlikeness?



1. Right knowledge (Reason) – there are things you need to know! (vs. 3-10)

Key word: “know”

Psalm 119:11 (NASB95) Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

a. Union with Christ (3-5)

b. Victory in Christ (6-10)

2. Right conviction – “reckon or consider yourselves” (vs. 11)

Key phrase “consider yourselves” – *logizomai* (related to the noun “*logos*”) implies a mental process of reckoning, counting, or calculating.

3. Right responsibility – “resist” (vs. 12)

Reign (βασιλευετω [*basileuetō*]). Present active imperative, “let not sin continue to reign” as it did once (5:12).¹

James 4:7 (NASB95) Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

4. Right actions – “present” - replace (v. 13)

It’s not that we merely say “no” to the devil, we actually say “YES” to God!

“instruments” – a military term for weapons.

1 Robertson, A. T. (1933). [*Word Pictures in the New Testament*](#) (Ro 6:12). Broadman Press.



CONCLUSION:

Verse 14 is Paul's summary!

Romans 6:14 (NASB95) For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Jerry Bridges book *The Pursuit of Holiness* is a classic that I highly recommend you read. Bridges said: "**Our worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.** And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace. Every day is important for us because it is a day ordained by God."

In the book, Jerry Bridges reminds us that while holiness is a gift of God and something that can never be accomplished apart from the work of the Spirit, we have a responsibility to pursue holiness. He illustrates this by writing of a farmer:

A farmer plows his field, sows the seed, and fertilizes and cultivates – all the while knowing that in the final analysis he is utterly dependent on forces outside himself. He knows he cannot cause the seed to germinate, nor can he produce the rain and sunshine for growing and harvesting the crop. For a successful harvest, he is dependent on these things from God.

Yet the farmer knows that unless he diligently pursues his responsibilities to plow, plant, fertilize, and cultivate, he cannot expect a harvest at the end of the season. In a sense, he is in a partnership with God, and he will reap its benefits only when he has fulfilled his responsibilities.

Key Questions:

1. **Do I desire to live a life that most pleases God?**
2. **What area(s) of my life right now are not pleasing to the Lord?**
3. **By the grace of God, I will die to the old person and live according to the life that is now mine in Christ!**