

Romans 6 - United with Christ



Put the objections of verse 1 and verse 15 into your own words in as sympathetic a way as possible. How is the objector responding to what Paul has just said at the end of chapter 5?

- *Is grace just a licence for us to do what we want because we know we'll be forgiven anyway*

Romans 6:1-11

Find all the places in verses 1-11 where Paul speaks of the Christian as being united with Christ in some way, so that what happened to him is reckoned to have happened to us.

- *v4 - Buried and raised*
- *v5 - United in death and resurrection*
- *v6 - Old self crucified*

Paul speaks of 'sin' not just as something we do, but as a power over us. Find the places in the chapter where Paul speaks in this way.

- *v6 - body ruled by sin*
- *v6 - Rendered powerless*
- *V7 - dead freed from sin*
- *v12 - Don't let sin reign in you*
- *v14 - Sin will not rule over you*
- *v17 - slaves of sin*
- *v18 - set free from sin*

What is the connection between sin and death (look back at 5:12,16,21)?

- *6:7 - died are freed from sin*
- *6:23 - Wages of sin is death*

How do we experience the power of sin over us?

What does it mean (and not mean) for the Christian to have 'died to sin'?

- *So imp to see that is an objective truth - in Christ we are dead to sin - because he died, fully paying the penalty of sin - and because we're in Christ - our penalty has been paid! Sin's trump card is spent - and it has no power over us in status sense*

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What does Paul mean by telling us to 'count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus' (v.11)?

- *We need to let that objective truth sink in - as if Vol 1 of our life story is done, and we're now in Vol 2*

Romans 6:12-14

What response does Paul call for in verses 12-14? Why is it significant that the first commands/exhortations in this chapter don't come until after the first 11 verses?

Paul talks about not letting sin 'reign in our mortal bodies' and not offering any parts of your bodies for sin - and positively - about offering ourselves and all our parts to God as weapons for righteousness. What does that look like in the following areas:

	Don't let sin reign in...	Offer yourselves to God in...
Eyes		
Hands		
Feet		
Heart		
Mind		

How can we help one another?

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Romans 6:15-23

What are the two slaveries on offer (v.16)? Why do I have to be a slave to anybody? Why can't I just serve myself?

Where do the two slaveries lead (vv.19-23)?

- *Sin - leads to shame and death*
- *God - freedom from sin and eternal life that begins now*

How were Christians transferred out of slavery to sin, according to verses 17,18? What are the four steps of this conversion process? How can you see these steps in your own experience?

- *Used to be slaves of sin*
- *Obedied from the heart*
- *Set free from sin*
- *Become Slave of God*

How does this chapter show us that we are free to offer ourselves to God, and what incentives does it give us actually to offer ourselves, again and again? How can we encourage one another with these truths and incentives?