

Life Group/Personal Study Questions

1. What does Paul's imaginary questioner understand correctly about sin and grace? (Read Romans 5:20-21 and 6:1)
2. What wrong conclusion does this person draw?
3. What is our relationship to sin prior to salvation? (v. 6; see Romans 6:16-20)
4. What is our relationship to sin after salvation? (vv. 6-7 and 11-14)
5. What aspect of our union with Christ brought about this change? How? (vv. 6-7)
6. What does Christ's resurrection tell us about our future? Why? (vv. 8-10)
7. To summarize Paul's argument, why must we not go on sinning after salvation?
8. What is a persistent area of sin in your life that you can deal with on the basis of this passage? How would you do that?



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Wave Women! We are so excited to offer our 2nd annual Women's Retreat! We are headed to Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center for two nights. We will have a special guest speaker, Stephanie Kelly, to encourage and lead us in worship. Please Save the Date on your Calendars! Registration begins on June 26th. Cost \$200

“United With Christ”

Romans 6:1-14

June 26, 2016

The Gospel of **RECEIVED** vs **EARNED** righteousness

Justification – Free from the **PENALTY** of sin (*clean slate*)

Saved by **GRACE**

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.*

(Romans 5:20-21, NIV)

The question of Sin in a believer’s life

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?* (Romans 6:1-2, NIV)

How to live with freedom

1. Understand your new **IDENTITY** with Christ

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. 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, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.* (Romans 6:3-7, NIV)

Sanctification –Free from the **POWER** of sin

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.* (Romans 6:8-10, NIV)

2. Decide that **SIN WILL NOT** control you

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.* (Romans 6:11-12, NIV)

3. Choose to **LIVE FOR GOD** every moment

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.* (Romans 6:13, NIV)

4. Find your strength in **GOD’S PROMISE**

¹⁴ *For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.* (Romans 6:14, NIV)

¹¹ *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.* (Titus 2:11-14, NIV)