

Dead to Sin but Alive to God

ROMANS 6:1-14

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Believers have been set **FREE** from **SIN'S** power.

Believers are **UNITED** with Christ in **DEATH** and **RESURRECTION** (v. 1-7)

Believers must **CONSIDER** themselves **DEAD** to sin and **ALIVE** to God (v. 8-11)

Believers must **PRESENT** their **BODIES** to **GOD** but not to **SIN** (v. 12-14)

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

UNITED IN CHRIST

The concept of being united with Christ has been called our “mystical union” with him. As we contemplate what Christ has done for us on the cross, we are like an audience that has just watched an amazing feat of strength. The response is automatic; “How did he do that?” Faith can ask how, but it is not deterred by an inability to understand fully. Ultimately it is a more crucial step to believe in Christ and what he has done for us than to be able to explain aspects of how he accomplished the work of grace. Not understanding everything is no excuse for withholding belief.

CRUCIFIED TOGETHER

Old Identity

Sin dies; the old slave master died; the power and lordship of sin have been destroyed; we are free from the obligation, addiction, & necessity to sin. If sin is dead, it can no longer rule.

RESURRECTED TOGETHER

New Identity

We have new life, a new master, new fellowship with God, and new union with Christ. We have been set free to serve..

LIVING TOGETHER

New Activity & Service

We have new life, a new master, new fellowship with God, and new union with Christ. We have been set free to serve.

Barton, Bruce B., David Veerman, and Neil S. Wilson. 1992. Romans. Life Application Bible Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

What's a habit or pattern you've had to break in the past—something that wasn't easy but was worth it once you did? (Or what's one you're trying to break now?)

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- This week's passage surfaces a common tension every believer faces: *to sin or not to sin.* Scripture gives us powerful reasons why living God's way—not our own—is both right and best. As you read the following verses, what motivations do you see for taking God's grace seriously and following him in obedience rather than treating his grace as something “cheap”?

Psalms 119:1-2 Philippians 1:6 Hebrews 12:7-11 2 Corinthians 5:10

- Which of these do you find most motivating to you? Which is least motivating?

- Romans 6:3-7** reminds us that through faith in Jesus, we've been united with him in his death and resurrection—our old self was crucified, and we're no longer slaves to sin. How does understanding that truth shape the way you face temptation or old habits that still pull at you?

- How do the following passages shed light on this truth and/or how to live?

Galatians 2:20 Colossians 3:1-3 Ephesians 4:22-24

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: 1 John 3:4-9 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁴ **Everyone** who sins is **breaking** God's law, for all sin is **contrary** to the law of God. ⁵ And you **know** that **Jesus came** to **take away** our sins, and **there** is no sin in him. ⁶ **Anyone** who **continues** to **live** in him will not sin. But **anyone** who **keeps** on sinning does not **know** him or **understand** who he is. ⁷ **Dear children**, don't let **anyone deceive** you about this: **When people** do what is **right**, it **shows** that they are **righteous, even** as **Christ** is **righteous**. ⁸ But **when people keep** on sinning, it **shows** that they **belong** to the **devil**, who has **been** sinning since the **beginning**. But the Son of God **came** to **destroy** the works of the **devil**. ⁹ Those who have **been** born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, **because** God's life is in them. So they can't **keep** on sinning, **because** they are **children** of God.

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4. **Romans 6:11-12** tells us to “consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” That’s both a mindset and a daily practice. What does it look like in practical terms to “consider yourself alive to God”?

- How do these passages address it?
Galatians 5:16-17, 24-25 John 15:4-5 2 Corinthians 5:17
- What helps you remember your new identity and live it out when you're in a moment of weakness, temptation, or frustration?

5. In **Romans 6:13-14**, Paul calls us to offer every part of ourselves to God as “instruments of righteousness.” It’s an image of surrender and purpose. What do you think it means to offer yourself fully to God in your daily routines—work, relationships, or thought life?

Romans 12:1-2 Colossians 3:17, 23-24 Matthew 5:14-16

- Is there an area where you've been tempted to hold back or keep control rather than surrender it to him? What might it look like to hand that over?

Taking it Home

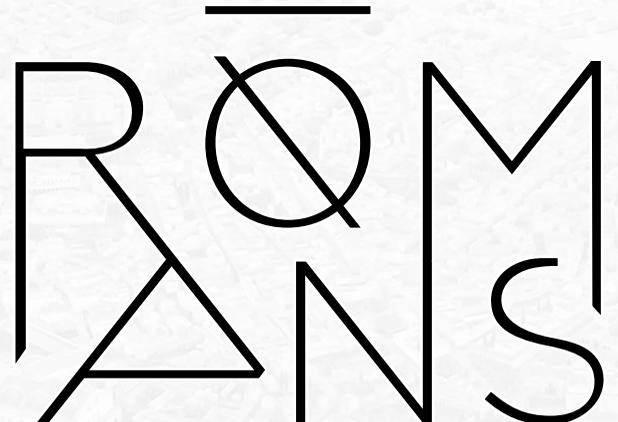
6. Where do you sense God calling you to live more freely and fully in your new life with him? Are there old attitudes, habits, or fears that no longer fit who you are in Christ?
7. Looking back over this week's sermon and homework, what's the most important thing for you to remember?

As you close, pray together as a group that you would walk in the freedom Jesus purchased—dead to sin, alive to God, and joyfully surrendered to him.



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