

“Now right with God, live the right life with God”

Romans 6:1-23

Two questions arising from the previous chapter (i.e. Romans 5:20,21)

- Shall we go on sinning? (vs 1) – will it help God’s purpose?
- Shall we/should we sin? (vs 15) – are we free to?

The answer - By no means! (vs 2 and 16)

Why? We are loved by God and called to be his holy people. (Romans 1:7)

See yourself now from God’s perspective

Dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus

Verses 1 to 11

We have been “baptised **into Christ Jesus**”.

We, with our sin, have died and been buried **IN and WITH** Christ – at the Cross.

We have been made alive **IN and WITH** Christ – at his Resurrection.

We now live a new life **IN and WITH** Christ – because Christ lives.

[Has the paper changed in the bottle?]

Under new management – God not sin

Verses 12 to 19

Therefore, we are no longer to be ruled by sin (vs 6,12) and enslaved to sin (vs 17) or obligated to obey sin (vs 12,14,17) but free from obedience to sin (vs 18) to live right lives with God as slaves of God for God (vs 18 and 22)

“Do not let sin reign in your mortal body” (vs 11-14)

[Do butterflies behave like caterpillars?]

Holy so to be holy

Verses 19 to 23.

The benefit of being right with God and living life right with God.

[Is a toothbrush used for cleaning toilets?]

So “shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! We are “loved by God and called to be his holy people” (Romans 1:7)

A Bible Study – Romans 6:1-23

Pray: To begin with, pray. Ask God to teach you of Himself from his word.

Two starter questions for discussion:

Do butterflies behave like caterpillars? Why? Can they? Should they?

From the time you started to live life God’s way as a Christian (whenever that might have been) was there an obvious change in your thinking and behaviour? Explain.

In the verses that follow Paul continues to help his readers to see themselves now from God’s perspective: Justified by faith through Jesus Christ, at peace with God and saved from God’s wrath. Now being justified, at peace and saved he goes on to explain our new life in Christ that’s appropriate for those who have been made holy (Romans 1:7).

Read: Romans 6:1-14

Questions:

1. What question does Paul ask in verse 1? What do you understand him to be saying? (Look back to Chapter 5 especially verses 20,21)
What is his answer? What reason does he give? (See verse 2)
2. What do you understand “baptised into Christ Jesus” to mean?
3. In what sense was our baptism into Christ both a funeral and a resurrection?
What is asked of us in verses 11 to 14? Why?

Read: Romans 6:15-23

4. What question does Paul ask in verse 15? What do you understand him to be saying?
What is his answer? What reason does Paul give by way of the example of slavery?
5. What is asked of us in verse 19? Why? What is the motivation?
6. How might Paul’s examples of “death”, “new life” and “slavery” help you when faced with sin’s temptations?

Conclude with prayer:

In preparation for next week’s Bible Study read ahead Romans 7:1-25

This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ.

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