

5. Look up these other Scriptures that verify this truth.

2 Corinthians 5:17 -

Galatians 6:15 -

Ephesians 4:21-24 -

6. Looking now at **Romans 6:5**, what does Paul say is the result of us having been crucified with Christ?

7. This phrase “united with Him” expresses a close, intimate union with Christ. Commentator **Leon Morris** says, **“The phrase exactly expresses the process by which a graft becomes united with the life of a tree... The union is of the closest sort, and life from Christ flows through to him.”** Jesus used this illustration in **John 15**. Write down the words of Jesus in **John 15:4 & 5** below.

8. Paul has given a promise to us in **Romans 6:5**, stating that those who are united with Christ in the likeness of His death shall **certainly** be united with Him in the likeness of His resurrection. How does he go on to explain this in **verses 6 & 7?**

9. The “**old man**” that was crucified with Christ, is our sinful nature that was in rebellion against God. What does **Galatians 5:19-21** tell us about our “**old man?**” Write down those verses below.
10. Look up the wonderful truth of **Colossians 2:14**. In your own words, summarize what Paul said in **Colossians 2:14** that Christ did for us and our “**old man**” at the cross.
11. All your rebellion, all your sin, your failures, the places where you “stepped over the line” and the places where you were led by the selfish desires of your flesh..... all these things have been “**taken out of the way**” and “**nailed to the cross.**” Share how this truth has changed your life.
12. Write down Paul’s statement in **Romans 6:9**.

13. Warren Wiersbe comments on this verse, “**Sin and death have no dominion over Christ. We are ‘in Christ;’ therefore, sin and death have no dominion over us. Jesus Christ not only died ‘for sin,’ but He also died ‘unto sin.’ That is, He not only paid the penalty for sin, but He broke the power of sin.**” As Paul continues this conversation, write down his words in **verse 10** of our chapter.

14. Having laid out his argument for these truths, what does Paul tell his readers they are now to do, according to **verse 11**?

15. In **Warren Wiersbe’s** comments on verse 11, he states: “**Paul didn’t tell his readers to *feel* as if they were dead to sin, or even to *understand* it fully, but to act on God’s Word and claim it for themselves. Reckoning is a matter of faith that issues in action. It is like endorsing a check: if we really believe that the money is in the checking account, we will sign our name and collect the money. Reckoning is not claiming a promise, but acting on a fact. God does not command us to become dead to sin. He tells us that we *are* dead to sin and alive unto God, and then commands us to act on it. Even if we do not act on it, the facts are still true.” Write down again the glorious truth of **Galatians 2:20**.**

16. Look up these other Scriptures that add to this truth.

Ephesians 5:8 -

Colossians 3:1-3 -

17. David Guzik states, “This (*reckoning*) is something that can only be said to the Christian, to the one who has had the old man crucified with Christ and has been given a new man in Jesus..... In Jesus, we are truly set free and are offered the opportunity to obey the natural inclination of the new man - which wants to please God and honor Him.”

Looking at **Romans 6:12 & 13**, Paul says, “Therefore (*because of this*)...” What instruction does he give “because of this...” in these verses?

18. The New Living Translation reads verse 13, “**Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.**” This includes our eyes, our ears, our hands, our mind, every part of our body. Meditating on this verse, share how this is speaking to you personally. In what ways is this a challenge for you? Do you have a testimony to share about how the Lord has given you a victory over a particular area that you were falling into sin over?

19. How does Paul conclude this argument in **Romans 6:14**? Record his words below.

Charles Spurgeon says of this verse, “**It is a *promise* of victory. It doesn’t say that ‘sin will not be present in us,’ because that will only be fulfilled when we are resurrected in glory. But it does promise that sin will not have dominion over us because of the great work Jesus did in us when we were born again.**”

- 20.** Paul stated in the second half of **verse 14**, that we are not under the law, but under grace. The power of our being united with Christ in His resurrection is something that could never come from obeying the law. The New Covenant of grace we are now under has brought us away from following a set of rules to win favor with God, into a personal relationship with the Father through our relationship with the risen Son.

Paul asks a new question in **verse 15**. Record that question below.

Paul has given us a strong argument that a lifestyle of sin is totally incompatible with the life of a Christian, who has been saved by God’s grace. But we all know that, although we no longer live a **lifestyle** of sin, we are not sinless..... and while we still reside in this flesh, sin occasionally trips us up. Even so, while we may not be completely sinless, we certainly should **sin less**, and although we still have times when we fall into sin, we no longer are living a life of **habitual** sin. If that isn’t the case, something is wrong.

David Guzik states, “**Paul shows that in light of the New Covenant, we are not under law but under grace. His work in our life has changed everything..... In light of these remarkable changes, it is utterly incompatible for a new creation in Jesus to be comfortable in habitual sin. A state of sin can only be temporary for the Christian. As Spurgeon is credited with saying: ‘The grace that does not change my life will not save my soul.’”**

- 21.** What warning does Paul give us concerning sin in **Romans 6:16**?

- 22.** Although this is a sobering warning Paul gives us, he tells us in the following verse that this is no longer who we are. Write down **verse 17** below.

Concerning verse 17, David Guzik points out that, “This phrase is part of a beautiful picture. The word ‘form’ describes a mold used to shape molten metal. The idea is that God wants to *shape* us - first He *melts* us by the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Then He *pours us* into His mold of truth - that ‘form’ of doctrine, and shapes us into His image.”

23. Paul goes on to tell us an important truth in verse 18. Record the words of that verse.

24. The “important truth” here is that we are still **servants**. The lyrics to **Bob Dylan’s** old song, “**Gotta Serve Somebody**” are very true. We have been set free from our slavery to sin, but having been set free from that prison, we are now slaves of Christ, to righteousness. Bob Dylan’s song tells us “**You’re gonna have to serve somebody. It may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you’re gonna have to serve somebody.**”

However, there is a big difference in the way we were once slaves to sin and are now Christ’s servants. Our slavery to sin was because of our sin nature. We had no choice in the matter. Being a “sinner” was who we were. Now, being set free in Christ, we become **voluntary slaves, slaves by choice**, serving Christ in righteousness. Paul, along with James, Peter and Jude, all considered themselves bondservants of Jesus Christ, and every believer in Christ should consider themselves the same. What does **Colossians 3:23 & 24** say concerning this?

25. In verse 19, Paul contrasts the example he used in verse 16. Record his words in verse 19 below.

26. Before we came to Christ, the members of our body were often used for indulgence in sin. The thoughts we entertained, the things we chose to look at and listen to, the things we said and did. Now, in contrast to that old lifestyle, Paul exhorts us to use the members of our body for righteousness. This also includes the things we chose to think about and dwell on, the things we choose to look at and view, the things we choose to listen to and the things we say and do. Look up and record the following verses.

Romans 12:1 & 2 -

Romans 13:14 -

Galatians 3:27 -

Colossians 3:10 -

27. Read **Romans 6:20 & 21** and write down those verses below.

28. When we were slaves to sin, we were free in regard to righteousness. In other words, we gave little thought to pleasing God because we were fully engaged in pleasing ourselves. When we look back, we see the “fruit” that came out of our selfish living, with no regard for God. There were many consequences to that lifestyle, but the greatest is what we find at the end of that road we were on....eternal death. **“But now....”** In **verse 22**, what good news does Paul tell us we can experience now?

29. How does Paul sum up this topic in **verse 23**?

30. The following Scriptures confirm this wonderful truth. Write them down below.

John 10:28 -

1 Timothy 6:12 -

Titus 3:7 -

1 John 2:25 -

31. What are you taking away from this chapter that speaks most personally to your heart?

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