

## Romans 6:1-23

Lesson Eight

*“Oh to be nothing, nothing!  
Only to lie at His feet,  
A broken and emptied vessel,  
For the master’s use made meek.  
Emptied, that He might fill me  
As forth to His service I go;  
Broken, that so unhindered,  
His life through me might flow.”* Author Unknown

### DAY ONE: Romans 6:1-2

1. Begin in **Romans 5:20** and read through **Romans 6**. Make note of key words or phrases and list them in the chart below, titling each segment, and then title Romans 6. (Some of the key words in chapter six are: know, consider, present, and obedient).

Vs	Romans 6:1-10	Vs	Romans 6:11-12	Vs	Romans 6:13-23	
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<b>Chapter Title:</b>						

2. Don't become discouraged with all the questions in **Romans 6**. Persevere through the study this week, and next week in chapter 7, we will find the answers!
3. **Romans 5:20-21** lead into chapter 6. Fill in the missing blanks from **Romans 5:20-21**:

*“Moreover the \_\_\_\_\_ entered that the \_\_\_\_\_ might abound. But where \_\_\_\_\_ abounded, \_\_\_\_\_ abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so \_\_\_\_\_ might reign through \_\_\_\_\_ to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

4. Often we think of ministers as never having struggles with their flesh or a past life. I thank God for the example of Paul's life! Look up **1 Timothy 1:12-16** and record what it says about Paul before he knew Christ:

5. **Romans 6:1** says, "*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?*" Some theologians and philosophers, in particular those who stress the law, hold this argument in their position against grace. No doubt Paul was asked this question time and again by the legalists who hounded and fought against him and just did not understand the wonderful grace of God. No doubt, the Pharisees criticized his preaching of justification based solely on the free grace of God. They argued that if forgiveness is by grace, then is sin not a good thing? Should we not continue in sin, so that God will have more opportunity to prove His grace and become more magnified and glorified? What is Paul's response to this way of thinking in **Romans 6:2a**?

\_\_\_\_\_! *(This phrase is the strongest Greek idiom for repudiating a statement, and it contains a sense of outrage that anyone would ever think the statement was true.)*

6. What happened at the point of salvation according to **Romans 6:2b**?

- a. How does **Galatians 2:20a** confirm this?
- b. Does this mean that we will never sin again?
- c. Why? Be sure to back your answer with Scripture.

7. Reading **Ephesians 2:1-10** pull out the phrases according to *past tense* and *present or future tense*.

Past Tense	Present or Future Tense

## DAY TWO: Romans 6:3-11

1. Look up and read **Romans 6:3-7** and record what it says about our *life*.
  - a. How does **Galatians 2:20b** reiterate this?
  - b. What does **Galatians 3:27** say?
  - c. What does **Colossians 1:27** say?
  
2. In your own words, what is “*newness of life*”?

Note: The *believer's position* in Christ shows the utter impossibility of a true believer *continuing in sin*. The word “continue” means to practice or to habitually yield to sin. A true believer no longer practices sin and no longer yields to sin. He cannot live *without sinning*, not totally, but he no longer lives *in sin*.

- a. What has God given to us to enable us to walk in this *newness of life*? (2 Peter 1:3)
  
  - b. If God has given us all these things, why do we continue to walk in defeat?
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3. What do we “*know*” according to **Romans 6:6**?
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4. The *old self* is referred to only three times in the New Testament. Look up the following references noting the context and comment on what you learn from each:
    - a. **Romans 6:6-10**:
  
    - b. **Ephesians 4:20-24**:
  
    - c. **Colossians 3:5-11**:
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5. What does **Galatians 5:1** say?
    - a. What is this liberty or freedom from?
  
    - b. What is the definition of *bondage* in **Galatians 5:1**?

6. **Personal:** Are you able to appropriate this freedom or liberty from the yoke of bondage in your life?
  - a. If your answer is “no”, choose one particular area that you are struggling with and commit it to prayer.
  - b. What does **James 5:16** say?
  - c. Ask your group or someone close to you to pray with you for the victory over the sin you are struggling with!
  
7. Read **Romans 6:1-11** and fill in the contrast of death and life in the chart below.

Dead, Died or Buried	Life, Live or Alive:

*“Our old nature was crucified with Christ, and we constantly have to assert this position of faith. Crucifixion is a slow and tortuous death, as the flesh doesn’t die easily. So the two positions of faith we must take are that the old sinful nature is dead and that we’re now spiritually alive unto God through Christ.”* **Pastor Chuck Smith**

**DAY THREE: Romans 6:12-13**

1. Read the story of Lazarus from **John 11:1-44** and record how it relates to our resurrected life in Christ.
  - a. In **John 11:44** what do the grave clothes represent?
  - b. Look up **John 12:1-2**, what are the benefits of being raised with Christ?
  
2. Fill in the blanks of **Romans 6:12-13** below:
 

*“Therefore do not let \_\_\_\_\_ reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, but present yourselves to God as being \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, and your members as instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.”*
  
3. What does the Scripture mean when it says “**mortal body**”?

4. How does sin manifest itself in our mortal body?
  - a. **James 3:5-6:**
  - b. **1 Corinthians 6:9-10:**
  - c. **2 Peter 2:14:**
  - d. **Luke 6:45:**

**Challenge:** List any more Scriptures or ways you can think of:

5. Look up the following words in the context of **Romans 6:12-13**:
  - a. ***Instruments:***
  - b. ***Yield:***
  - c. ***Members:***

***“You have the option of serving the flesh or the Spirit.  
As a child of God you must yield to the influences of the Spirit and allow your body to be  
an instrument in God’s hand. Don’t let flesh reign over you any more.” Pastor Chuck Smith***

6. How does Paul confirm this in **Romans 12:1-2**? Write it out and commit these verses to memory:

*“Oh Father the prayer of my heart  
Is to be open to You  
I am waiting, I am watching  
Show me what You want me to do  
I give my life that I may live  
All that I have I freely give.”  
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7. The following are some Scripture references of saints in the Bible who presented their bodies as a living sacrifice. Look up and read these references and comment.
  - a. **Daniel 3:12-29:** (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego),

- b. **Genesis 22:2-18:** (Abraham offered up Isaac – Some commentators say that Isaac was in his twenties, old enough to know what was happening and old enough to resist).
  - c. **Hebrews 9:14-15:** (Jesus Christ)
8. Our life we live in Christ is **all by the grace of God**. However, as Pastor Chuck says, we have an option or a choice! How can we fulfill the desire to live our lives as Christ living in and through us?
- a. Meditate on **Galatians 5:16** as you write it out:

*“Do not let sin control your puny body any longer; do not give in to its sinful desires. Do not let any part of your bodies become tools of wickedness, to be used for sinning; but give yourselves completely to God-- every part of you-- for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for His good purposes.”*

*Romans 6:12-13 (TLB)*

*“Chose this day whom you will serve!” Joshua 24:15*

#### **DAY FOUR: Romans 6:14-23**

1. Take some time and pray before reading **Romans 6:14-23**.
2. Using your study tools, define the word *dominion* in **Romans 6:14**?
  - a. Why does sin no longer have dominion over a Christian?
3. The word *slave* comes from the root word *deho* in Greek. This root word means to be bound or tied ~ the opposite of freedom.
  - a. In **Romans 6:16** the Bible says we have a choice of whom we will be slaves to. What does it mean to *obey* sin?
  - b. If we yield to the lust of our flesh what will happen?
  - c. Look up **Matthew 6:24** and ask God to purge anything that is hindering your undivided service to Him.
4. We often become tempted and sin. Sin only occurs when we give in to the temptation. What example did Jesus leave for us in **Hebrews 4:15**?
  - a. What provision does God give in our temptations, according to **Hebrews 4:16**?
  - b. What does **1 Corinthians 10:13** say about temptation?

5. **Romans 6:17** says that we were freed from being a slave to sin by the obedience of our heart. What does **1 Samuel 15:22-23** say about:
  - a. **Obedience:**
  - b. **Rebellion:**

*God's grace does not give us an excuse to sin, but a reason to obey.*

6. A few weeks ago, we looked at the Prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). In his search for freedom, the son became a slave to wrong desires; then he became a slave to wrong deeds, and finally he became a literal slave.
  - a. Look up and record what **James 1:13-16** says:
  - b. Recall the heart of the Father in dealing with the Prodigal Son: What did he do?
7. According to **Romans 6:21** what would the things we are now ashamed of bring if we had not repented?
  - a. What does **Romans 6:23b** say about the gift we now possess as Christians?

**DAY FIVE: Review of Romans 6 (NKJV)**

1. We are:
  - a. Dead to \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:2)
  - b. To \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:4)
  - c. Alive with \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:8)
2. What fresh insight has the study this week given you with regard to the sins of our flesh versus the Spirit of God in us?
  - a. What is the difference between a believer and a non-believer when it comes to sin?
  - b. According to **1 John 3:2-5** what does the Bible say about those of us who have our hope in God?
  - c. Remember **1 John 1:9** ~ meditate on God's faithfulness!

3. These three instructions need to be heeded each day that we live. Look up the Scriptures below and note what the verse has to say about each word:
- a. **Know – Romans 6:6:**
  
  - b. **Reckon – Romans 6:11:**
  
  - c. **Yield *or* Present – Romans 6:13:**

*“Now that you KNOW these truths, RECKON them to be true in your life, and then YIELD yourself to God.”*  
*Pastor Chuck Smith*

*Selah!*