



Learning to Live the Righteous Life | Romans 6

Our Challenge: Romans 6:1-2

- The enticing and deceiving nature of sin
- Our frustration to move from sin

God's Solution:

Knowing my new identity in Christ | Romans 6:3-10

Baptized into Christ =

- I am instructed to “walk” or live in a new way of life. Romans 6:4, Ephesians 4:20-24, II Corinthians 5:17
“Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus... we too might walk in newness of life.” (v. 3-4)
- I learn about my new relationship with Jesus which causes me to be more like Him. Romans 6:6-10
“knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him” (v.6)
 - Sin becomes less an influence in my life. Ephesians 4:30, 5:18
“...our body of sin might be done away with...”
 - Jesus becomes a stronger influence in my life. Colossians 3:1-5, Philippians 4:8
“Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Present myself to Christ in obedience and service | Romans 6:11-21

- I remove myself from the influence and activity of sin (v.13)
“and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness” (v.13)

Present =

- I commit myself to a righteous life in my heart and behavior (v.17-18)
“so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.” (v.19)
- I understand my consequences if I pursue sin or righteousness (v.19-23)

Benefit =

Galatians 5:22, Philippians 1:11, Hebrews 12:11, Ephesians 5:9

Digging Deeper

It can be frustrating to want to live for Christ but feel stuck in a spiritually low place where sin seems to have the upper hand. Romans 6 teaches us how righteousness can be the dominant power in our life.

Paul uses the word “know” in several places in this chapter. While the Greek word varies for “know,” the point is to gain knowledge and experience on what it means to live for Christ. When we are baptized into Christ, our identity changes. Below are some verses to help us know what it means to be “in Christ.”

LifeGroup Discussion: Verses to read, reflect and share on what they want you to know about being God and being a follower of Christ.

- **Psalm 139:13-16** - What is God’s view of your life before you were born?
- **I Peter 2:9** - How does God view you now as a Christian?
- **Ephesians 1:4-5** - When did God know you? What is His desire for you?
- **Ephesians 2:10** - What did God create you to do? Where are you doing that?
- **Colossians 2:13-14** - When you feel defeated by your sins, what does Christ remind you of in this verse?
- **Galatians 4:6-7** - How does God view the relationship He has with you?
- **Psalm 138:8** - When you feel defeated, what does God promise you?
- **II Corinthians 1:21-22** - When you feel insecure or uncertain, what promise does God offer you?
- **I John 3:1** - How does God love you?
- **II Corinthians 5:17-21** - What kind of ministry and message does Christ call you into?

As we understand who we are in Christ, we are called to “present” ourselves to God. Our lives are to be instruments of righteousness. That means living in obedience, and voluntarily serving our Lord. It is the best kind of slavery because our master is Jesus Christ—full of unconditional love and grace.

LifeGroup Prayer: Reflect on how you are serving the Lord. Where are you serving Him in your family, church and community? Discuss how others can pray for you in these areas.

Next Steps:

1. **“Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus” - Romans 6:11**
Spend some time considering and meditating on how you are dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus. Begin a habit by considering this every day this week.
2. **Have more questions about God and who Jesus is?** Attend the **Alpha Course** this Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center Lobby to learn more about Jesus and how He is able to set you free from sin. Learn more about the Alpha Course at calvarylife.org/alpha
3. **Find help with sins, addictions, habits and struggles** that have been difficult to overcome through ministries like Celebrate Recovery, Support Groups and Counseling. Learn more about the Care Ministries at Calvary at calvarylife.org/care