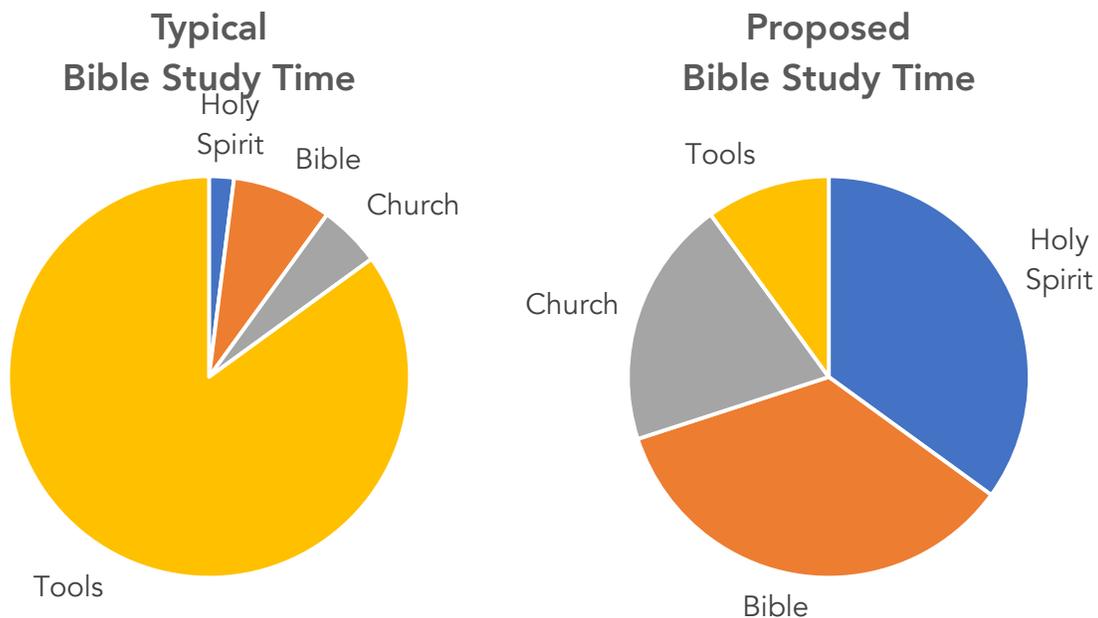


Romans

Dead to Sin, Alive to God ([Romans 6:1-14](#))

Introduction

A gentle review: **Did we do this?** Spend more time with God and His Word than with anyone and anything else.



Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize).

Here's our outline of the book of [Romans](#) (summarized from the ESV's outline):

- ✓ Paul's Introduction & Righteousness Introduced ([1:1-17](#)) (three weeks)
- ✓ Righteous Wrath ([1:18-3:20](#)) (six weeks)
- ✓ Saving Righteousness ([3:21-4:25](#)) (three weeks)
- 4. Righteous Freedom ([5:1-8:39](#)) (post-Easter to July 4) (11 weeks)
- 5. Righteousness → Jews ([9:1-11:36](#)) (post July 4 to Labor Day) (eight weeks)
- 6. Righteous Living ([12:1-15:13](#)) (post Labor Day to October) (nine weeks)
- 7. Paul's Closing ([15:14-16:23](#)) (November to early December) (five weeks)
- 8. Righteousness Summarized ([16:25-27](#)) (December & wrap up) (two weeks)

Today's text ([Romans 6:1-14](#)) is the third part of this major section.

Peace with God through Faith

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. **11** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— **13** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Read: Dead to Sin, Alive to God (6:1-14)

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Explain: Dead to Sin, Alive to God (6:1-14)

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Paul starts this section with four questions—a pattern we've seen in him before and one we'll see plenty of in the future.

Paul also begins to use imperatives (commands) in [Romans 6](#). In [Romans 1-5](#), he only used one imperative ([Romans 3:4](#)), but Paul uses five imperatives in [Romans 6](#). He is beginning to sprinkle in some practice into his doctrine: he is adding orthopraxy (behavior) to orthodoxy (belief). We would be wise to remember the orthopraxy—there is a **behavioral** component to Christianity.

What do the words mean?

1 **What shall we say** [future active indicative] **then?** **Are we to continue** [future active indicative; stay over, remain, abide, continue, tarry] **in sin** [offense, sin] **that grace** [*charis*] **may abound** [aorist active subjunctive (probability or possibility); do, make,

increase, superabound]? **2 By no means** [second aorist, active optative (possibility (more remotely possible than subjunctive)); to become, to come into existence, begin to be, receive being; same phrase used in **Romans 3:4, 6, 31; 6:2, 15; 7:7, 13; 9:14; 11:1, 11!** **How can we who died** [second aorist active indicative; died off, is dead, died, **lies a-dying**, is slain] **to sin** [offense, sin] **still live** [future active indicative] **in it** [note: the dead don't inhabit houses]? **3 Do you not know** [present active indicative; not to know, ignore, be ignorant, not understand, unknown] **that all of us who have been baptized** [aorist middle indicative; made fully wet, baptized] **into Christ Jesus were baptized** [aorist middle indicative; same word used earlier in **Romans 6:3**] **into his death?** **4 We were buried** [second aorist middle indicative; inter with, assimilate spiritually, bury with] **therefore** [certainly, accordingly] **with him by [dia] baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised** [aorist middle indicative; woke, roused, lifted up, raised again, stood, took up; same word as in **Romans 4:24, 25**] **from the dead** [*nekros*; dead] **by [dia] the glory of the Father,** [in this way (omitted in the ESV)] **we too might walk** [aorist active **subjunctive** (probability or possibility); tread all around, walk, live, deport oneself, follow] **in newness** [renewal, newness] **of life.**

5 For if we have been [second perfect (completed action with the results continuing) active indicative] **united** [grown with, united, planted together] **with him in a death like** [form, resemblance] **his, we shall certainly be** [future middle indicative] **united with him in a resurrection** [standing up, resurrection, recovery] **like his.** **6 We know** [present active participle] **that our old** [antique, not recent, worn out] **self was crucified** [aorist middle indicative; impaled with, crucified with] **with him** [Jesus] **in order that the body of sin** [offense, sin; in English it appears there's a wordplay with the dual definition of the word *body*, but it's not present in the Greek] **might be brought to nothing** [aorist middle **subjunctive** (probability or possibility); rendered entirely idle/useless; something with no power to operate], **so that we would no longer** [no further] **be enslaved** [present active infinitive; be a slave] **to sin** [offense, sin]. **7 For one who has died** [second aorist active participle; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain; same word used in **Romans 6:2**] **has been set free** [perfect (completed action with the results continuing) middle indicative; rendered just, rendered innocent, freed, justified; typically translated **justified** in **Romans**] **from sin** [offense, sin]. **8 Now if we have died** [second aorist active indicative; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain; same word used in **Romans 6:2, 7**] **with Christ, we believe** [present active indicative; have faith in, credit, entrust, believe, commit to, put in trust with] **that we will also live** [future active indicative; live in common with, **co-survive**] **with him.** **9 We know** [perfect (completed action with the results continuing) active participle; see, know] **that Christ, being raised** [aorist middle participle; woke, roused, lifted up, raised again, stood, took up; same word as in **Romans 4:24, 25; 6:4**] **from the dead, will never die** [present active indicative; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain; same word used in **Romans**

6:2, 7, 8 again [not yet, no longer]; **death no longer** [not yet, no longer] **has dominion over** [present active indicative; rule, have dominion over, **lord**, be lord of, exercise lordship over] **him**. **10 For the death he died** [second aorist active indicative; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain; same word used in **Romans 6:2, 7, 8, 9**] **he died** [second aorist active indicative; has died off, is dead, died, lies a-dying, is slain; same word used in **Romans 6:2, 7, 8, 9**, earlier in **10**] **to sin** [offense, sin], **once for all** [upon one occasion only; once for all], **but the life he lives** [present active indicative] **he lives** [present active indicative] **to God**. **11 So** [in this way] **you also must consider** [present middle **imperative**; *logizomai*; taken inventory, estimated, concluded, esteemed, imputed, numbered, reasoned, reckoned] **yourselves dead** [present middle infinitive; *nekros*] [truly, certainly, surely, indeed (omitted in the ESV)] **to sin** [offense, sin] **and alive** [present active participle] **to God in Christ Jesus**.

12 Let not sin [offense, sin] **therefore reign** [present active **imperative**; ruled; same word used in **Romans 5:14, 17** (twice), **5:21** (twice)] **in your mortal** [liable to die, mortal] **body, to make you obey** [present active infinitive; hear under, listen attentively, heed, conform] **its passions** [longings, desires, lusts]. **13 Do not present** [present active **imperative**; stand beside, exhibit, proffer, recommend, substantiate, be at hand, aid] **your members** [limbs, parts of the body] **to sin** [offense, sin] **as instruments** [implement, utensil, tool (in the sense of offensive **war**)] **for unrighteousness** [legal injustice, moral wrongfulness, iniquity, unrighteousness, wrong], **but present** [aorist active **imperative**; stand beside, exhibit, proffer, recommend, substantiate, be at hand, aid; same as used earlier in **Romans 6:13**] **yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life** [present active participle], **and your members** [limbs, parts of the body; same word used earlier in **Romans 6:13**] **to God as instruments** [implement, utensil, tool (in the sense of offensive war); same word used earlier in **Romans 6:13**] **for righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness]. **14 For sin** [offense, sin] **will have no dominion** [future active indicative; rule, have dominion over, lord, be lord of, exercise lordship over; same word as used in **Romans 6:9**] **over you, since you are** [present middle indicative] **not under law** [*nomos*] **but under grace** [*charis*].

Are there any repeated words?

We, sin, Christ, God, baptized, death, life/live, grace, members, instruments, righteousness, present

Are there any repeated topics?

Sin vs law; sin vs. grace; death vs life; death vs. resurrection

What are some observations of the text?

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! [Paul uses this phrase many times in **Romans** to get his readers to pay attention. A good teacher will ask a question he or she knows to be wrong to ensure the listeners are engaged.] **How can we who died to sin still live in it?** [The answer is no time at all.]

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death [Paul is giving us a primer on baptism—it's about Jesus' death], **in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life** [And then Paul finishes up the primer—it's also about Jesus' resurrection]. [Hughes: **Being under grace does not mean we have free reign to sin. Since we are under grace we are a changed people and our lives should reflect Christ.** Now is a good time to ask a few questions: **Who do I reflect: Christ or sin?**]

5 For if we have been united with him [Hughes: **Picture a branch bound to another branch**—grafted in, if you will (a concept Paul will explore later in **Romans 11**)] **in a death like his** [We are united with Christ in death], **we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his** [We are united with Christ in resurrection.]. **6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin** [Death breaks bondage to sin—either my personal death, or Christ's death for me (and I choose Christ's death)]. **8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him** [This is one of the (many) ways in which Jesus is better—death no longer has dominion over Him!]. **10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all** [Contrasting this is the Old Testament sacrificial system of repeated death of sacrifices], **but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body [This is a command to us right now—we are not to allow sin to rule in our fleshly bodies—we serve a better Master], **to make you obey its passions** [Sin wants what it wants. Sin is speaking to us. Contrast sin with Christ—Who wants what the Father wants. Christ is speaking to us as well.]. **13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness** [God desires to use our earthly bodies—broken and bruised as they are—for His glory]. **14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace** [So let's live like it. Let's wallow around in grace and not mope around in the Law. **Bob Goff: Grace means we don't need to airbrush our lives to make them look perfect when they're not.**].

Apply (What is the point?)

1. Christians are dead to **sin** (contrast with unbelievers who are alive to sin)
2. Christians are alive to **God** (contrast with unbelievers who are dead to God)
3. Death and life aren't rocket science

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Live like it (live in grace, live in love, live in freedom)
2. Live like it (praise Him, worship Him, serve Him, obey Him)
3. **Examine** ourselves

Next week: Slaves to Righteousness (6:15-23)

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! **16** Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, **18** and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. **19** I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21** But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **22** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: **Romans** (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com) by Wed)

Quotes & Observations

Amy Valovcin (Hughes)

Let us continue to consider ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

I am so glad that sin does not have dominion over me. We are identified with Christ.

Being under grace does not mean we have free reign to sin. Since we are under grace we are a changed people and our lives should reflect Christ.

v. 5: united – grown together – "picture a branch bound to another branch." A beautiful picture of our relationship with Christ.

Know is mentioned three times in verses 3-10, Paul wants us to know or understand our union with Christ.

How are we to live lives of Victory? First by understanding the nature of our identification with Christ. Second, by accepting our identification with Christ as true. Third by yielding to the Christ with whom we are so wonderfully identified.

Darla Skinner (Mounce)

Any justification that does not lead to sanctification is a sham. Any sanctification not founded upon justification is an exercise in legalistic futility and does not deserve the name.

Jessica Norris (Kroll)

Justification deals with the penalty for sin. Sanctification deals with the power of sin. Justification deals with the unsaved sinner. Sanctification deals with the saved sinner. Sanctification is a progressive act of God. The end result of justification is salvation. The end result for sanctification is holiness. We are dead to sin. To die to sin means that we are dead to the guilt of sin. Sin can no longer make any legal claim on believers because we are viewed by God as if we ourselves died at Calvary. Three principles of living a holy and sanctified life: 1) Need to know. 2) Consider yourself dead. 3) Present yourself to God.