

A New Life

FAMILY THEME: Freed from Sin

STUDY TEXT: Romans 6:1-23

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Romans 6:1-11

Live for God, understanding we are no longer slaves to sin. We no longer answer to the old boss, Satan. He has no legitimate claim upon us—not our actions, not our feelings, not our desires, not our thinking. God's grace and forgiveness have changed everything. We are now free to live as forgiven people. Our union with Christ means we have died to the power of sin, and can now live to please God. **Discussion:**

- How does our union with Christ affect our relationship with sin?
- Practically speaking, what does it mean to live for God?

Romans 6:12-14

Surrender all to God each day to be used for His glory. We do not and cannot live in a vacuum. Neutrality is not an option. Surrender to God is something we must do daily, just as we eat and sleep. If we do not surrender to God, we will end up surrendering to the pull of sin and temptation. Surrender to God leads to joy and peace while surrender to sin and temptation leads to bondage and despair. Now that we are free from the power of sin, we can choose each day to follow God's will and direction for our lives. We can choose to live in a way that brings Him glory and us joy, rather than giving in to sin and temptation. **Discussion:**

- What does it look like to live in a way that brings God glory?
- Why is surrender to God much more satisfying than surrender to sin and temptation?

Romans 6:15-23

Joyfully choose to serve Christ each day according to His will. Bad habits are hard to break, but then good habits can become just as set into our being and our practice if we build them into our lives. Our attitude has a great deal to do with it. Instead of, Well, another day to try to serve God. It's going to be tough, but maybe I can do what needs to be done, we should strive for, Well, another day to serve God. Another day free from bondage to Satan. Another day to walk in a new life, the free gift of God's forgiveness! It may always require a certain amount of effort, but over time it will have its effect on us. **Discussion:**

- What does it look like to present ourselves as servants of God and of righteousness?
- How would we compare a life serving Satan with life serving God?