

Study Questions – Romans 6:1-23

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?
² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

Rom. 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom. 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Rom. 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! ¹⁶ Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

Rom. 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. ²² But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Romans 6 begins the section on *sanctification* (Rom 6:1-8:39). Using a Bible dictionary, look up the meaning of *sanctification*. Explain the major difference between *salvation* and *sanctification*.

2. Explain why Paul asks the following questions:

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?” (6:1)

“How shall we who died to sin still live in it? (6:2)

“Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? (6:3)

3. What is the result of having been buried with Christ Jesus through baptism into death? (6:4)

4. What will be the result of becoming united with Christ Jesus in the likeness of His death? (6:5)

5. Why has our old self been crucified with Christ? To what would we no longer be slaves? (6:6) From what has he who has died been freed? (6:7)

(A) With what stubborn sin are you still struggling? How does the promise of freedom from bondage to sin encourage you?

6. What do we believe will happen to those who have died with Christ? (6:8)

(A) How can you die and be buried with Christ as you live today?

7. What will never happen to Jesus again? What is no longer master over Him? (6:9)

8. To what did Jesus die once for all? For Whom does Jesus live? (6:10) (A) Why is it important that Jesus died to sin once for all and that Jesus lives His life to God?

9. To what are you to consider yourself dead? To Whom are you to consider yourself alive? (6:11) (A) Describe your relationship with God in Christ Jesus.

10. What two things are you no longer to do? (6:12-13)

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How are you to present yourself and your members to God? (6:13)

11. Why shall sin not be master over you? (6:14)

12. Explain why Paul asks the following questions. (6:15-16)

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace?

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

13. What was the result of when you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed? To what were you previously a slave? To what have you now become a slave? (6:17-18) (A) Explain what this means to you.

14. To what two things did you previously present your members as slaves? (6:19) (A) Give examples of each that you have observed in the world today.

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What will be the result of when you now present your members as slaves to righteousness? (6:19)

(A) What does it look like to be dead to sin but alive to Christ?

15. Why would Paul say that “when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness” (6:20)?

16. What was the outcome of the things of which you are now ashamed? (6:21)

Having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, what is the result? outcome?(6:22)

(A) To whom/what are you enslaved? What will be the outcome?

17. What is the wages of sin? What is the free gift of God? (6:23) What do the following verses reveal about *eternal life*?

Matt 25:46

John 3:14-16

John 3:36

John 5:24

John 6:27

John 6:47

John 10:28

John 17:3

1John 5:20

18. What do you learn about God in Rom 6:1-23? How could you apply this truth to your life?

Write a prayer response to Rom 6:1-23: