

## A study of the Letter to the Romans, written by the Apostle Paul in A.D. 57 Answer Guide (ESV Translation)

### Romans 6:1-14

#### Day 1:

Paul, once a doubter and antagonist of the gospel message - in fact, a destroyer and murderer of many who believed in Christ Jesus, anticipates many arguments against the gospel in his letter to the Romans, and carefully answers each one. He continues in Chapter 6, anticipating their questions, then explaining the gospel truths. Having addressed the arguments about sin and salvation (justification), he takes on the topic of sanctification.

The definition of sanctification in the *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (2003 ed.) is “process of being made holy resulting in a changed lifestyle for the believer” (p. 1443). **If you have a Bible dictionary, look up the word and write any additional information you find below.**

#### Read Romans 6:1-2

**Finish this argument in verse 1:**

“Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?”

**What is the emphatic and obvious answer? By no means!**

**The answer is followed by another question (verse 2):**

How can we who died to sin still live in it?

#### Read Romans 6:3

**Paul is incredulous that anyone who is justified (saved by faith), is baptized into Christ Jesus, and would not know that they (we) were baptized into His death.**

Put another way, all of us who have been saved have entered into a spiritual baptism, or union, or identification with Christ that would make a lifestyle of sin abhorrent to us. We will see this principle clearly as we study this week.

#### Read Romans 6:4

Just as He died on the cross and was buried, we were (symbolically) “buried with him by baptism into death”. This is speaking of our being made one with Christ through the Holy Spirit at the moment of our salvation.

**What was the purpose and the end result, according to verse 4?**

That we too might walk in newness of life.

**Review the definition of sanctification. If you are a believer in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, name one way your lifestyle is being changed.**

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## Day 2:

### Read Romans 6:5-8

Romans 6:5 begins with the word, “for”, referring back to the previous statement, so review verse 4.

There are contrasts between our past and our present in today’s verses that we will consider.

We will work in the following two columns:

#### OUR PAST:

##### Verse 5

We have been united with him in a death like His

##### Verse 6

Our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing

##### Verse 7

One who has died has been set free from sin

#### OUR PRESENT:

##### Verse 5

We shall be united with him in a resurrection like His

##### Verse 6

So that we would no longer be enslaved to sin

##### Verse 8

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will live with Him

**Do you have questions of your own about this passage? If so write them below. Ask God to give you wisdom as you continue this study.**

### Day 3:

Let's look at some verses that will give us more insight and confirm what Paul has said in verses 5-8.

Write the verses below:

#### VERSE 5

**Philippians 3:10** That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

**Ephesians 4:22-24** To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

#### VERSE 6

**Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#### VERSE 7

**1 Peter 4:1** Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

#### VERSE 8

**2 Timothy 2:11** The saying is trustworthy, If we have died with him, we will also live with him.

Circle the verse that most speaks to you today. Meditate on it throughout your day.

## Day 4:

Read Romans 6:9

**Note the two facts that verse 9 states are the result of Christ being raised from the dead:**

1. He will never die again.
2. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

**What did verse 6 say about our being enslaved to sin? We would no longer be enslaved to sin. So would sin have dominion over us? NO**

When we are identified with Christ through His death and resurrection, we are set free from the dominion, or being enslaved, to sin. God has given us the Holy Spirit within our hearts permanently setting us apart from a life bound by sin, but setting us apart to God through Christ Jesus – that is the process of sanctification.

Read Romans 6:10

**How many times must Christ die to sin? Once for all**

**Christ is alive forevermore, and He keeps on living eternally to GOD.**

Read Romans 6:11

**Personalize and write out the strong instruction given in verse 11. Personalizing it means for you to add your own name.**

You, \_\_\_\_\_, must consider yourself dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**What specifically does this mean in your personal life? Are you struggling with a besetting sin?** You are not alone! We all struggle and must continually yield ourselves to God (consider ourselves dead to sin). Sanctification is a process. And, Ephesians 4:27 reminds us *to give no opportunity to the devil.* Let's surrender that area we struggle with to God now and walk in newness of life that Jesus purchased for us on the cross when He took our sin upon himself and died that sin would no longer have dominion over us.

Read Philippians 3:14 **How does this verse encourage you in your walk of sanctification?**

## Day 5:

### Read Romans 6:12

The word “let” reminds us of the personal choice we have regarding allowing sin to reign in our physical body (the actions of sin). As a Christian, we are no longer under the dominion of sin, as we were before we were saved (justified). But we can still allow sin to have its way. **Summarize verse 12:** Let not sin reign to make you obey its passions.

### Read Romans 6:13

**When we sin, what do we become?** An instrument of unrighteousness

**What are the contrasting alternatives?**

1. Presenting ourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life
2. Presenting our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness

### Read Romans 12:1-2

**What are we to present our bodies as?** Living sacrifices, holy and acceptable which is your spiritual worship.

### Read Romans 6:14

This sums up the contrast between being dead to sin and alive to God that we have studied this week.

You might want to read it twice just to make it “stick in your mind”.

**Why will sin have no dominion over you?**

I am not under law, but under grace.

### Let’s summarize and personalize this truth:

It is impossible for *me* to be free from the power, the penalty, and in heaven the presence of sin, *unless I* have placed *my* faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But if *I* have personally placed *my* faith in Jesus Christ, *I do* have the power by God’s grace to walk in newness of life where sin has no dominion over *me*. *I* am free from the power and the penalty of sin; when *I* enter heaven *I* will also be free from the presence of sin! How glorious is God’s grace!?!

**How does this verse give you strength for your day?**