

# **The Gospel Story: Freed From Sin**

*A Study of Romans*

**Romans 6:1-11**

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## **Opening Discussion**

1. Is there a difference between being set free and living free? Explain.
2. Do you think talking too much about grace will cause people to sin more? Why or why not? What would be the alternative?
3. The key to the Christian life could be summarized around understanding, believing and applying the truth. The order is important. People won't apply what they don't believe and can't believe what they don't understand. Where do you think most Christians focus their attention and where do you think the real breakdown is?

## **Bible Study**

1. Read Romans 6:1-7. What objection is Paul anticipating as a result of what he said in Romans 5:20? What do people reveal about their own theology when they claim that too much grace will lead to more sin? Are people who teach a works righteousness ever accused of promoting more sin? What do we learn from this?
2. The emphatic "we" in 6:2 is referring back to Romans 5:12-21. Who are the "we" and what does it mean to "die to sin"? How does the parallel statement in 6:10 help us understand what it means to "die to sin once for all"?
3. Paul uses baptism to illustrate the point he's trying to make. The term itself refers to someone immersed into something bringing about a dramatic change. In the first century it was used to describe a sinking ship or someone drowning. How does water baptism illustrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus? What is the point Paul is trying to illustrate? How is this illustration consistent with what we learned in 5:12-21?

4. What does Paul mean that our old self (man) was crucified with Him? Notice the past tense language. This is not something we need to do. It's something that's already done for those who are "in Christ."
5. What do we need to "know" in 6:6-7? We know in order that we might what? In order that we might what? Is this something we should be or we already are?
6. Read Romans 6:8-11. What do we need to "know" in this text? Is it possible according to this text to go back to who we were before salvation? What's the only option?
7. Romans 6:11 records the first command of the book of Romans. What is it and what does it mean? Is this something we need to go out and do or something we need to first believe?

## **Application**

1. Do you think most Christians spend more time trying to "fix" bad behavior or trying to learn more of God's truth? In other words, do the books stores have more books on what to do or on what to believe (theology)? Why? According to Romans do we need to do more or know more?
2. What are you currently doing to learn and understand more of God's truth? Are there some options available that might help you know more so you can live better?
3. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being totally free, does your life reflect someone who is freed from sin or still in bondage to sin? What can you do to be living more in the freedom that is yours in Christ?