



**Adult Bible Fellowship
Study Questions
Romans 6:1-13
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Do you know what it is to live purposefully? Is there an urgent sense of mission or some compelling thrust within you which makes life add up to the sheer adventure that God always intended life to be? Or are you simply engaged in the struggle for existence and survival? Worse still, have you been caught up into the rat race of competitive existence? Haunted by the fear of being overtaken by others at the next bend in the road? Breathlessly trying to keep up with events that travel faster than your ability to cope with them?

If so, there is good news awaiting you, good news about a treasury of purpose and truth and wisdom to be found in the person of Jesus, for living purposefully means trading our poverty for Christ's wealth....our weakness for His strength. We exchange the bankruptcy of the fallen Adam for all the fullness of His Life, and we discover the sheer adventure of allowing Jesus to be God in our own experience, for God He is!

That is why detaching Christianity from Christ is to reduce it to a dead religion, impersonal to Him and impersonal to you, just an intellectual exercise or a sentimental formula - and Christianity is neither! It is Christ." (Major W. Ian Thomas)

Basic Outline of Romans

I. Salvation - Romans 1:1-17. Paul's testimony, introduction of the theme = gospel.

II. Sin - Romans 1:18-3:20. Paul establishes that all people have fallen short of God's holy standards. We're all under the penalty of sin = death, separated from God = bad news. And we are not without hope.

III. Salvation - Romans 3:21-5:21. God has provided a way for man to be redeemed-through faith, not works, in Jesus Christ. His death on the cross became our atonement, our perfect offering to God, our covering, the payment for our sin. Through His resurrection we are assured of our eternal life with God.

IV. Sanctification - Romans 6-8. This section will have the greatest meaning for us as believers. Now that we are saved, how do we live the Christian life?

"To be IN Christ that is redemption; but for Christ to be IN you that is sanctification!" (Major W. Ian Thomas)

1. Read Romans 6:1-13 and list all the descriptive terms for born-again believers in Christ. (Hint: There are at least ten.)

2. What does Paul mean when he says we are *baptized into Jesus Christ* at the point of salvation (6:3-5)? Is this water baptism? Explain your answer.

3. What was Paul referring to when he spoke of believers *walking in newness of life* (6:4)? (Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 5:2, Philippians 3:17-18, Colossians 1:10, 1 John 1:7)

4. According to 6:5, in what two things have Christians been united with Christ? How does this effect our daily sanctification?

5. Describe the *old man* in 6:6? What are his characteristics? Where did he come from? What does Ephesians 4:22 and Colossians 3:9 say about the *old man*?

6. What does it mean to be *dead with Christ* (6:8)?

What are the daily practical benefits of being *dead with Christ*? How does this deal effectively with the *old man*?

What does this say about Satan's effect on your life?

7. What two things does 6: 11 say you must consider (reckon, count)? How do these two things help you live out the Christian life?

Consider (count) yourself _____.

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What does it mean to be *dead to sin* and *alive to God*?

8. How does the knowledge of your death to sin because of Christ affect your struggle with sin, or how can it?
9. As you have studied this passage, do we as believers *imitate* Christ in our life or *participate* with Christ in our life?