

## **Romans 6:1-14: *Dead to Sin, Alive to God***

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6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self<sup>1</sup> was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free<sup>2</sup> from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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### **Questions for Discussion**

1. How is it that a Christian has died to sin?
2. Are you more prone to perfectionism or more prone to abusing the grace of God?
3. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ so important in the everyday life of a Christian?
4. What "powers" do you rely on to protect yourself from vulnerability?
5. What identifies you? How do you see yourself? What do you want to be known for?
6. What does being a Christian mean to you? Does it change the way you think? Does it change what you desire? Does it change the way you live?
7. If you were going to be honest, what really motivates you to be good?
8. What does it look like to live a life that is mastered by grace?