



**Introduction**

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Romans 5:18-21 NASB

<sup>18</sup>So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. <sup>19</sup>For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>The Law came in so that the transgressions would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as in sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal live through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through faith in Jesus, we have a new identity.

Romans 6:1-11 NASB

<sup>6</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with Him through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>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; <sup>7</sup>for he who has died is freed from sin.

Through faith in Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin.

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

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Through faith in Jesus, we have been made alive, and we have a relationship with God.

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"Who am I really?"

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Romans 7:15 NASB

<sup>15</sup>For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

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Am I a sinner who sometimes obeys God? Or am I a saint who sometimes sins?

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**4 ways to live in our new identity:**

**1. Remind our old man daily that they have been crucified with Christ.**

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**2. Remind ourselves daily that by grace you are free from sin.**

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**3. Embrace our new life in Christ fully alive to His presence.**

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**4. Intentionally surround yourself with people who encourage you to grow in your new life in Christ.**

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Who am I really?

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

Romans 5:18 – 6:11, April 9th & 12th, 2026

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite outdoor activity in the spring?

Read Aloud: Romans 5:18 – 6:11

1. How does Paul compare Adam and Jesus in Romans 5? How do we go from being made unrighteous to being made righteous? Are we made righteous right away, or is it a process, or both?
2. Why does Paul strongly reject the idea of continuing in sin so grace may increase? How does seeing our old man crucified change how we view our lives as slaves to sin?
3. Romans 7:15, Paul explains the inner struggle between our flesh and the new man. Can you relate? Why is it important to remind your old self it has been crucified? Why is it important to remember our freedom from sin as a gift, not works?
4. How do we embrace a new life with Christ? How do we overcome sinful habits and patterns from our old man? Who have you asked to help you in this endeavor?