

Main Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

Uniting with Christ

- In His death (v 3-7, 14)
- In His resurrection (v 5)

Counting ourselves

- *Dead to sin* (v 11)
- Alive to Christ (v 11, 4) (Phil 4:8)

Offering ourselves

- Not to sin (v 12-13)
- But to God (v 8-10, 13)

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How can I receive Jesus' forgiveness?

1. <u>Acknowledge</u> that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 8:12, "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

2. Be <u>willing to turn</u> from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, <u>decide</u> to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

Ephesians 5:8, 9-11, "... Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."

3. <u>Believe</u> that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

4. Through prayer, <u>invite</u> Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you and give you power to live His way.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven.

Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I trust in You alone for my salvation. I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God. I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Lordship Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned and I acknowledge my need for You. Thank You for dying on the cross for me and I accept You as my Saviour, my Redeemer, my Deliverer and my Lord.

I choose to surrender to You and invite You now to be Lord of every area of my life:

- Lord of my spirit and my relationship with You
- Lord of my mind, my beliefs, my thoughts and my mental health
- Lord of my emotions, my attitudes and all my reactions
- Lord of my will and all my decisions
- Lord of my body, my health and all my behaviour
- Lord of my eyes and upon that which I look
- Lord of my ears and to everything that I listen
- Lord of my mouth and what I speak
- Lord of my hands and all that I do
- Lord of my feet and everywhere I go
- Lord of my sexuality, my pleasure and my recreation
- Lord of my time, my work and my ministry
- Lord of my home, my family and all my relationships
- Lord of the moment and manner of my death
- Lord of my possessions, my finances and my future

Thank You that Your blood was shed that I might be set free. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who enables me to walk in Your power. Please cleanse me by Your shed blood and fill me with Your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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The Small Group Sermon Study Romans 6:1-14

Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

- 1. Big picture: what did you like or appreciate about this message?
- 2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What does this tell us about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels, what actions He takes, etc.?
 - b. What does this passage tell us about those who follow Jesus (individually and/or the church) and/or those who don't? (How are people responding to God? What are their different responses?)
 - c. How can we help and encourage one another in this idea of "counting ourselves dead to sin, and alive to Christ?" What questions does this idea raise for you that we can discuss together?
 - d. Offering ourselves not to sin has an external piece to it this is often something others can see in us. If we see things happening in one another's life that concern us, how comfortable are we to raise this with one another? What needs to change in our group/relationships for us to be more comfortable speaking the truth in love to one another in this way?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

- 3. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?
- 4. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- 5. What verse, phrase, word or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).