

Sanctified

(shall we continue to sin?)

Romans 6:1-14

Sanctification: the gradual process of becoming like Jesus, made possible by the Spirit's work within us.

Every other religion: "If I obey, then God might accept me."

Christianity: "Because God has accepted me, I want to obey."

"I want to obey" is sanctification happening in your life.

Romans: an exposition of the gospel.

- I. We all need a savior because of sin (1:18-3:20).
- II. Jesus makes us righteous before God (3:21-5:21).
- III. God sets righteous people apart (6:1-8:39).
- IV. God is good, even when evil exists (9:1-11:36).
- V. The gospel transforms the way we live (12:1-15:13).
- VI. The enemy will attack (15:14-16:27).

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so, we live differently.

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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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- ii. We are united with Christ (vv. 5-10).
- iii. We fight the good fight (vv. 11-14).

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Baptism illustrates the believer's relation to:

- i. The Old Self, it has died with Christ (cf. v. 6).
- ii. Sin, it no longer has dominion over us.
- iii. Christ, we are unified with him.
- iv. The new life, we want to live differently.

“When you come to Christ, you lose your life as you know it, and that’s a great thing. You lose your life to find entirely new life in him”

-David Platt

4 ways to walk in a newness of life.

- i. Pray.
- ii. Leave the old man behind.
- iii. Study the Word.
- iv. Fellowship with believers.

2. United with Christ (vv. 5-11).

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God unites Christians with Christ so that what happened to Christ is counted by God as happening to us. His death is our death. His life is our life. We are united with Christ.

Union with Christ

- i. God established the union when Christ died (v. 5; 1Co 1:30).
- ii. We join the union through our faith (5:1; 18).
- iii. When Christ died, sinful me died too (v. 6; Gal 2:20).
- iv. If we have died with Christ, we also live with Him (v. 8).

3. Fight the good fight (vv. 12-14)

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“present yourselves” indicates a habitual use.
The word “instrument” could be translated as weapon.

A war of two kingdoms: Sin and God.

- i. Citizens of God's kingdom can commit mutiny.
- ii. Sin wants to control you (v. 12).
- iii. We choose to be weapons for sin or God (v. 13).
- iv. Sin has no dominion over us (v. 14).

Keys for winning the battle:

- i. Don't let sin control you (v. 12).
- ii. Don't let sin use you (v. 13a).
- iii. Practice doing good (v. 13b).
- iv. Remember your citizenship (v. 14).

Sin no longer has power over you. Take steps to live differently.