

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 6

Lesson 7

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. From last week's lesson or lecture cite one thing that thrills you about God's grace.

2. There is a hymn that asks, *Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood. Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood.* In Romans 6 Paul wrote about how the power of Jesus' blood, applied to our lives, sets us free from the power of sin. Grace is not a license to sin, but rather empowers us against sin. Grace, at work in our lives, is the application of all Jesus accomplished by His death and resurrection. From each section below find and record a way God's grace is applied in our lives:
 - a. Romans 6:1-5

 - b. Romans 6:6-10

 - c. Romans 6:11-14

 - d. Romans 6:15-23

3. Ask God to help you live in the power of His grace.

*Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead,
and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*
Romans 6:13

SECOND DAY: Read Romans 6:1-5

1. In Romans 5:20 Paul declared that *where sin abounded, grace abounded much more*. According to Romans 6:1, what wrong conclusion might some draw from this?
 - a. From Romans 6:2 record Paul's answer to this wrong conclusion.
2. The Greek definition of the word *baptized* (*baptizo*) means *to immerse or be immersed*. According to Romans 6:2-3 what does baptism signify?
3. Use Romans 6:3b-5 to note and comment on how baptism represents our identity with Christ in:
 - a. His death (Romans 6:3b)
 - b. His burial (Romans 6:4)
 - c. His resurrection (Romans 6:5)
 - (1) How does the principle of baptism empower us against the stronghold of sin?
4. Use the following Scriptures to enhance your understanding of your identity in Christ:
 - a. Galatians 3:27
 - b. Colossians 2:12
 - c. Philippians 3:10-11
 - d. 2 Corinthians 5:17
5. Share a way you can practically apply the principle of baptism to your life.

THIRD DAY: Read Romans 6:6–10

1. In Romans 6:6 Paul used the term *our old man* in reference to our sin nature. According to Romans 6:6a, what happened to *our old man* when we came to Christ?
 - a. Why was this necessary? Romans 6:6b

2. In reference to Romans 6:7–8, F.F. Bruce wrote, *A dead man is no longer answerable for his sin. Death pays all debts, so those who have died with Christ have the slate wiped clean, and are ready to begin their new life with Christ freed from the entail of the past.* How does this truth minister to you?
 - a. According to Romans 6:8b, what is our new purpose?

3. Why was Christ's resurrection *from the dead* so significant? Romans 6:9
 - a. Link this with the following Scriptures and share your insights:
 - (1) Acts 2:24

 - (2) Hebrews 2:14–15

4. Use Romans 6:10 to comment on what Jesus accomplished:
 - a. In *the death that He died*

 - b. In *the life that He lives*
 - (1) Connect Romans 6:10 with Hebrews 10:10. What do you see?

5. Use the following Scriptures to illuminate how Jesus' death gives the victory over sin:
 - a. Luke 9:23–24

 - b. Galatians 2:20

FOURTH DAY: Read Romans 6:11-14

1. Romans 6:10 (NLT) says of Jesus, *When He died, He died once to break the power of sin. But now that He lives, He lives for the glory of God.* Use Romans 6:11 to state what we are to do in response to this.
 - a. Share an area in your life where you need to apply this.
2. Read Romans 6:12-13a. Note and comment on what we as believers are *not* to do:
 - a. Romans 6:12
 - (1) According to James 1:15 and 2 Peter 2:19, what happens when we *let sin reign*?
 - b. Romans 6:13a
3. Rather than *let sin reign*, what are we to do? Romans 6:13b
 - a. Another word for *instruments* is *weapons*. What does this convey about the power of using our *members*:
 - (1) For sin
 - (2) For righteousness
 - b. Link this with Romans 12:1 and 1 Corinthians 6:20. What do you see?
4. Romans 6:14 (NLT) says, *Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.* Why is grace a greater power against sin than the law? See Romans 3:20 and Romans 5:17.
5. Share a way you can:
 - a. *Reckon yourself dead to sin*
 - b. *Reckon yourself alive to God in Christ Jesus*
 - c. *Present your members as instruments to God*

FIFTH DAY: Read Romans 6:15–23

1. Paul again anticipated that some would wrongly conclude that since we are *under grace* instead of the *law*, we have freedom to dabble in sin (Romans 6:15). To counter this fallacy, he explained the true condition of those who *obey* sin. What did Paul point out in Romans 6:16a?
 - a. Link this with John 8:34–36. What do you see?
 - b. Use Romans 6:16b to explain where the following choices lead:
 - (1) *Sin*
 - (2) *Obedience*
2. Use Romans 6:17–18 to answer the following questions:
 - a. What was our former condition?
 - b. Who deserves the gratitude for our new condition?
 - c. How are we set free from being *slaves of sin*?
 - d. What is our new status?
 - (1) How does this underscore the importance of obedience to God *from the heart*? See also Ephesians 6:6.
3. In Romans 6:19a Paul explained that he used the illustration of slavery to help believers understand the contrast between being enslaved by sin and coming under the ownership of God. Read about this in Romans 6:19b–22 (NLT), *Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.* Use this passage to briefly summarize and comment on the results of being:
 - a. *Slaves to sin*
 - b. *Slaves of God*

4. Fill in the blanks using Romans 6:23: *For the _____ of sin is _____, but the _____ of God is _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- What does the word *wages* convey to you about sin?
 - What does the phrase *gift of God* convey to you about grace? See also Ephesians 2:8.

SIXTH DAY: Review

- Using what you've studied this week, write down any advice you would give someone who wants to be freed from the power of sin.
- Expounding on God's powerful work of grace, Paul exclaimed, *God be thanked!* (Romans 6:17) Write an expression of thanksgiving to God for His emancipating grace in your life.

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
Romans 6:14