

Romans 6 "Step by Step"

Step by Step is a verse by verse study through the Bible. With this approach we trust that God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, will emphasize specific points and passages to each person; training us in the Word and teaching us how to live with purpose and identity.

As we continue in our study of Romans let's remember what we have seen thus far:

Ch.1, 2 Confirms that all have sinned against God

Ch.3 Reveals God's forgiveness of sins is available to all; we are Justified by Faith in Jesus

Ch.4- Abraham; An example of Justification by faith from the Old Testament.

Ch.5- Results of being justified by faith.

Ch.6- Resistance to the truth of 'justification by faith'.

Some will argue against truth no matter how clearly it is presented. To understand this truth we must realize it is based on your relationship with Jesus Christ; In Christ you have new life, you are born again, born of the Spirit and because you are reborn you have a new way of living.

V1-4

V1- Some would wrongfully argue that because sin is covered by grace, then the more we sin, the more grace will flow in? Wrong!

V2- NO! Remember-Relationship! If you died to sin, why would you continue in sin? When we realize that Jesus loves us and it was our sins that He died for, how could we continue in the sin that brought the suffering upon Him. You see, it is a relational reality; you don't purposely hurt those who love you. AND since you died to sin when you born again, why would you try to bring sin back to life?

V3, 4- Baptism; An outward expression of an inward experience. You were born again, then baptized into Christ. You 'identified' with Jesus when you were baptized. Baptism reminds us we are dead to the old nature, buried under water. When we rise up from the water that represents the new life we now have. The old you is as dead/powerless in this new life. Therefore we choose to *walk in newness of life*.

V5-7

V5- As baptism portrays, the old man died, so also the new man is portrayed by the resurrection. We walk in newness of life because we have His life.

V6- *knowing this* Speaks of experiencing, coming to understand. We need to embrace this truth and remind ourselves that we are no longer alive for sin. We are invited to live the new life, not the old life! *Done away with*-To render inoperative. Sin is no longer powered, it has been unplugged, rendered inoperative.

V7- Released from the power of sin. Sin is still present around you, but it no longer has power over you!

V8- Since *we died with Christ...* from death to Life.

V9,10- *knowing-* Come to understand, have knowledge of. Life requires learning! New life in Christ requires learning as well! His death released you from the power sin had over you.

V11- *Likewise* (V9,10)- Consider, remind yourself; You died with Christ, you now live in Him! *Alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord!!!!*

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

V12-Because of who you are, do not be ruled by your old nature. *Lusts-* Excessive want, hunger, craving.

V13-Notice throughout these verses that we are instructed to make choices because we are alive in Christ. The exhortation here is to remember you were as good as dead, now that you are alive, yield yourselves to God for righteousness.

V14- *dominion-* Lordship, control, power over

V15- It is as if the question is more; "But it is okay to sin on occasion, after all we are under the covering of grace." Emphatically, *Certainly not!*

V16-Adam rejected God's Lordship over him and put himself under the rule of Satan.

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon(riches)." Matthew 6:24

V17, 18- Human beings are made to be mastered! You once were a slave to sin, now you a servant of righteousness.

V19- The example of slavery is a human term used to explain the truth of mastery or Lordship.

V20, 21- When we said we were free to do whatever we wanted, how did that work out? See, we may say we can quit sinning but the reality is, sin leads us to more shameful and terrible sin.

V22- Learn to see the fruit He brings through your life when you follow Him.

V23- Serving God is everlasting life, the payment for serving Satan is death! Note; you work for wages, but you simply receive a gift.

Sound Bite Summaries:

1. Because you are a new person, live the new life!
2. Too many people choose to live in between the old life and the new life; saved but not satisfied!
3. Don't be looking to the world more than your longing for Him!