

Living Connections Bible Study



The Exchanged Life

Prayer

Text: Romans 6:1-23

Icebreaker: Does giving in to temptation satisfy? What are some negative consequences that come from continuing to live in sin?

1. What did Christ's sacrifice on the cross do for the believing sinner?
1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 1:5; Isaiah 1:18

2. Considering God's marvelous grace to forgive and justify sinners by faith on the basis of Christ's sacrifice for us, what reason does Paul give why the Christian should not continue living in sin?
Romans 5:20; 6:1-2

3. How does water baptism picture our death and burial to sin and resurrection to new life in Christ?
Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12

4. What identification truths found in Romans 6:6-8 must every child of God come to appropriate?

The word translated *knowing* in verse 6 (*ginosko*) is different than intuitive knowledge. It means *coming to know*. These identification truths that Paul is talking about here dawn on us slowly until they become a reality in our own experience. On the other hand, the word *knowing* of verse 9 is *eido*, a different word meaning an intuitive knowledge, something that we all know immediately to be true.

5. What intuitive truths about Christ's sacrifice do we readily understand from verses 9-10?

6. What does it mean to *reckon* ourselves *dead indeed to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord*? Romans 6:11; Galatians 2:20

7. What key to victory over sinful desires do we find in verses 12-13?
Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

8. Why is it vital to obey God, motivated by His love and grace rather than being motivated by the Law in the strength of the flesh? Verse 14; 7:5, 19-20

9. How can you know whether you are operating in the flesh, rather than by faith under grace motivated by love and in the power of the Holy Spirit? 1 John 5:3-4

10. If we would gain victory over sin and Satan who and what is to be our new master? Verses 16-20

Think about it this week:

*What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed?
For the end of those things is death.
But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God,
You have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.
For the wages of sin is death,
But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
Romans 6:21-23