

Romans 6

1. We Are No Longer Slaves of Sin (1-14)
2. We Are Now Slaves of God & Righteousness (15-23)

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Theme: We Are No Longer Slaves of Sin (1-14)

I. A Flawed Conclusion about the Believer's Sin (1-2)

II. A Detailed Explanation of the Believer's Death to Sin (3-11)

III. The Practical Application of the Believer's Death to Sin (12-14)

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A. What "We Died to Sin" Does NOT Mean (2b)

1. We died to the influence of and sensitivity to sin (Wesleyan perfectionism).
2. We should die to sin as the secret to Christian "victory" (Keswick, Deeper Life Movement).
3. We ought to be dying to sin daily.
4. We died with Christ to the guilt and penalty of sin (Haldane).
5. We renounced sin when we first repented (Hodge).

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The Nature of Baptism in Romans 6

1. Paul is not teaching that water baptism saves us.
2. Paul is not teaching here that water baptism is a sign of the spiritual reality of our union with Christ.
 - a) There is no mention of water anywhere in the context.
 - b) Water baptism is a picture of spiritual realities, but the spiritual realities do not occur at baptism.
 - c) All who have experienced this baptism have been baptized into Jesus' death.
3. Paul is teaching the baptism of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)!

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The Lessons

1. The most important factor in dealing with the sin in your life is not primarily what you do—it's what you know!
2. You cannot be a true Christian and continue to live in slavery to and under the reign of sin.
3. You are secure in Christ!