

# *Digging Deep - into Romans*

WEEK 7 – chapter 6: 1-23

How can I get sin finally sorted out in my  
life?

(What it really means to be dead to sin)

# Romans 6: 1-23

- Chapters 1-5. **Justification**
- Chapter 6. **Sanctification/Holiness**
- **The crucial questions**
  - **How can we live a new life?**
  - **How can we reap its benefits?**

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## 1) Die to live v. 1-11

### An illustration from Baptism

- Old life ended
- Raised to new life
- Identified with Christ = freedom from sin's enslavement
- United with Christ = participation in Christ's resurrection life

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## 2) Become what you already are v. 11-14

**Count yourselves dead to sin..... but alive in Christ Jesus.**

- A living, spiritual relationship
- Sin will not be your lord and master
  - a) One Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ
  - b) “You are not under law, but under grace.”

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- **v. 1-14 – summed up in Titus 2: 11-14**
- Death of Christ - the basis of salvation.
- God's grace - motivating and empowering the Christian's life
- Mastery over sin; eagerness to serve and please the Lord
- The evidence for new life; self-controlled and upright living
- Becoming what we already are in God's sight ; his own people

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- **3) Who is our Master? Who do we serve? v. 15-23**

## The choice illustrated:

- **A slave to sin**
- Shame here and now – ultimately death and separation from God
  
- **Slaves to God**
- Free from sin – free to live holy and upright lives – a future of eternal life

# Romans 6:1-23

**“What benefit did you reap?” = “What fruit did you have?” v. 21**

- “The fruit of the Spirit.”
- **“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” v. 23**
- Wages = a soldier’s pay. Earned and due
- Gift = a bonus. Gracious generosity. Unearned
- Our “earnings” – death/separation from God
- The gift - God graciously gives us life instead

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- **Conclusion/Application**
- **The experience of salvation and of sanctification:**
  - NOT fantasy; imagination; promising to try harder
  - BUT a life changing/enhancing experience
  - A living relationship. The Spirit produces faith, fruits of repentance and freedom from sin
- **B. Christian allegiance & commitment to be wholehearted and all-consuming**
  - More serious than life and death!