

How To Obtain Victory Over Sin

(Romans 6:1-14)

Intro: Paul has argued that all men need God's righteousness because we stand condemned before God (1:18–3:20), and shown how God has graciously provided justification—*declared us right with Himself*—as a free gift of His grace through faith in the redemption Christ accomplished on the cross (3:21–5:21). Beginning in chapter 6, Paul explains how God's righteousness provides salvation from the present power of sin in the redeemed sinner's daily experience. This process of growth in spiritual maturity is called *progressive sanctification*, and is the subject of chapters 6–8.

IV. Righteousness Imparted: Process Of Sanctification (6:1–8:39)

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b. Reckon yourself dead to sin, but alive in Christ (v. 11)

c. Yield/present yourself to God (vv. 12-14)

Conclusion: The truth of both Scripture and experience is that, although the believer in Jesus Christ has died to sin, sin has not died to the believer (Rom 6:1–10). Sin still resides within the believer and seeks to express itself in his attitudes and actions. Victory over the indwelling power of sin is found in reckoning ourselves as dead to sin and alive in Christ (v. 11), and yielding or presenting ourselves to God and the controlling power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (vv. 12-14).

Applications:

Outline of Romans

- I. Salutation And Statement Of Theme (1:1-17)
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 - 2) Present yourself to God (vv. 13b-14)
 - 2. Free from Law, enslaved to God (6:15-23)
 - B. No longer slaves to the Law (7:1-25)**
 - C. Living in the Spirit (8:1-39)**
- V. Righteousness Vindicated: Dispensation Of Grace (9:1–11:36)
- VI. Righteousness Practiced: Service To God And Others (12:1–15:13)
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