

Romans 6:1-14

**TOOLS FOR LIFE**

Singles: Scripture continually refers to believers abiding in Christ. Take time this week and find a worship song that is new to you, and that draws you to a place of humble worship of who God is. Visit a library, explore a Christian bookstore or go on YouTube to find a fresh song for your soul to delight and abide in the Lord. Praise Him that you are now dead to sin and alive in Christ.

Married: Go to a new restaurant with your spouse this week and without asking any questions, order for each other. The more you spend time together, the more you should know the desires and likes of your spouse. As Christians we are *in* Christ. The Spirit of God gives us desires that are aligned with God's heart and the more you spend time with Him, the more you sense what He desires.

Parents of Preschoolers: Find a dirty penny and with your child place it in a cup with a teaspoon of salt and 1/4 cup of vinegar. Let it sit for about five minutes. The penny should now be clean and shiny. Talk about how when we put our faith in Jesus He takes away our sins like the vinegar takes away the dirt from the penny.

Parents of K-6: Use socks or paper bags to make puppets with your children. Encourage your children to create a skit with their puppets. Comment that the puppets cannot talk or move without someone controlling them. Without Jesus in our lives, our sinful nature controls us. When we put our faith in Jesus, He forgives our sins and sin no longer controls our lives.

Parents of Teen: Sit down with your teen and show them pictures of iconic people from your teenage years (athletes, singers, actors, movie stars, politicians, etc). Share with them how your peers would try to find their identity in others, instead of in Christ. Share with your teen when you began discovering your identity in Christ.

**LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS**

Optional Ice Breaker: Say your name and one of your favorite memories from life groups this semester.

- 1) Read Romans 6:1-14. What was one of your biggest takeaways from the sermon?
- 2) What concept or theological point in Romans have you been grappling with the most this semester?
- 3) What does it mean to "live in sin"? Read Galatians 5:13-21 & 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Can someone be saved and still live in these sins? Why or why not?
- 4) What does it mean to be *in* Christ or united *with* Christ? What has *caused* you to doubt whether or not you are united in Christ? What evidence have you seen in your life that you are in Christ?
- 5) Before knowing Christ, where did you find your identity? Before knowing Christ, what were your goals? In Christ, how would you describe your identity? Being in Christ, what are your goals now?
- 6) Yield means to surrender, submit, or give your rights to. How have you personally yielded to Christ? What areas of your life do you still need to yield to Christ?



FURTHER STUDY

Jude 3-4 (NIV)

³ Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. ⁴ For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about^[a] long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

John 15:4-5 (NIV)

⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Colossians 2:12 (NIV)

¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 3:26-29 (NIV)

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

"It is not sin, but the believer, who has 'died,' and sin, as Wesley puts it, 'remains' even though it does not 'reign.' Therefore, while 'living in sin' is incompatible with Christian existence and impossible for the Christian as a constant condition, it remains a real threat." —**Douglas Moo**

"Holiness matters because being 'set apart' means being set apart to a new master...So holiness matter it reveals who our master is. Christians march to a different drummer. We respond to difference commands. And the world notices. They first called us 'Christians'—little Christs—as an insult. But it was a name we were only too happy to receive because it shows where our allegiances lie."

—**Michael Lawrence**

"There is no such thing as salvation from sin's penalty without an accompanying deliverance from sin's dominion. This obviously does not mean we no longer sin, but that sin no longer reigns in our lives."

—**Jerry Bridges**

