

1. When you became a Christian, was the change in your life dramatic, gradual or imperceptible? Explain.

Read Romans 6:1 – 14.

1. Refer back to Romans 5:20. What wrong conclusion could come from a misapplication of the last half of this verse? How does Paul answer this error? How do people today make God's mercy an excuse for sinning?
2. When a person believes in Jesus Christ, some radical changes take place. Using the ideas in Ephesians 2:1- 6, 1Corinthians 12:13 and Galatians 2:20, write a summary statement that describes this life changing transaction between a person and God.
3. In what two contrasting ways are believers identified with Christ (Romans 6:4, 5, 8)? Is the baptism of v3 and 4 primarily a physical or a spiritual experience?
4. Our "old self" (v6) refers to everything we were as non-Christians. When our old self was crucified with Christ, in what sense was sin rendered powerless (v5-7)? Why do we still sin?
5. What is the significance of life and death in v8-10? How does this understand the command of v11? What is the parallel between us and Christ?

6. What are the positive and negative commands of v12-14? How does our choice enter into the argument? Why are we no longer under the mastery of sin?

Read Romans 6:15 – 23.

7. What now is the possible misunderstanding?
8. Why do you think Paul uses the analogy of slavery? How can you know whose slave you are (v16)? According to v18, what freedom do believers have?
9. How does slavery to God differ from our slavery to sin (vv19-23)? What is the end result of each? Why can there be no middle ground in the matter of whom you obey?

Read Romans 7:1 – 6.

10. How is the principle “that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives” illustrated by marriage (vv1-3)?
11. How does this apply to our relationship with the law and with Christ (vv4-6)?
12. What assurance and encouragement is Paul giving us in our struggle against sin?