



**“Live Like a Champion”**  
**Romans 6:1-14**  
**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

Tragic is the precious blood spilled at Calvary to set people free spiritually, while Christians still remain in bondage. And they remain in bondage on a sprawling estate known as legalism.

**I. Some Thoughts on Bondage**

The book of Romans holds at least three analogies regarding bondage.

- A. All are in bondage \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Christ has paid the price to set us free.
- C. A lot of Christians still live like they are still \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: Though emancipated, some Christians don't live like it. This is the theme of our passage for today – Romans 6:1-14.

**II. Grasp the Theses of Romans 6**

Two groups of people are highlighted in Romans 6.

- A. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ grace - those who continue to live \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-14)
- B. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ grace - those who take advantage of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15-23)

To both of these groups Paul stands up and protests: “May it never be!” (vs. 2, 15).

**III. Asserting Freedom Over Sin**

Paul presents three techniques on how to do just that:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Warning!**

In spite of the fact that we are freed from bondage, Satan has a determination to \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of the victory won at the Cross.

*A parting word of advice: Defeating legalism is going to be a rough ride, so hold on...and watch out!*

*Let's Talk It Over*

*What do you think was the main point in this week's message? What did God teach you through the message this weekend?*

In our passage this week Paul explains how we have died to sin. The “old self” refers to the whole of our fallen human nature. When we believe in Jesus we become a completely “new creation” according to 2 Cor 5:17 and Gal 2:20.

**Read Rom 6:1-15**

- Q1.** Romans 6 answers the question: “Why should a believer not sin?” What is the basic reason why we should abandon sin? (v2)
- Q2.** Why is baptism important according to v3-4? [Christ's death is effective for salvation when a person believes in Christ, even before baptism. If so, why do it?]
- Q3.** When Christ was crucified, why was death given mastery or dominion over Him (2 Cor 5:21; Rom 4:25; 5:21)?
- Q4.** However, after Christ died and was raised, why does neither sin nor death any longer have mastery over Him (6:7,9-10)?
- Q5.** Why did death have mastery over us (5:12,17; 6:23)?
- Q6.** What happened to us when we were “baptized into his death” (v3)? Explain Paul's phrases in your own words: “buried therefore with” Christ (v4); “united with him” in his death (v5); “our old self was crucified with him”(v6); “no longer enslaved to sin” (v6); and “freed from sin” (v7).
- Q7.** How does Paul describe the ongoing moral effects of our “death”? v4,5,8,10
- Q8.** Since Christ has “died to sin” and “lives to God” (v10) Paul concludes that the believer who identifies with Christ does too (v8). What does it mean to “live to God”?
- Q9.** What then should a believer do? v11,12,13.
- Q10.** Why is it necessary to “consider” ourselves dead to sin and alive to God (v11)? [The word “consider”, KJV “reckon” is an accounting term meaning “to settle accounts”.] The Message says it this way, “That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives.”

## *This Week in the Word*

### **Battling Legalism - Galatians 1 & 2 Preparing for next Sunday 2/18/18**

#### **Day 1: Read Galatians 1& 2.**

**Q1.** What has Jesus Christ voluntarily done for Paul (the Galatians and for us also) 1:4?

**Q2.** What is Paul's wish for anyone who preaches anything other than the good news of grace (1:8)? Who is it that can appear as an angel (2 Cor 11:13-15)?

#### **Day 2: Read Gal 1:11-24.**

**Q3.** v13-17. How does your past affect your present life? What do you need to put behind you and know that you are forgiven?

**Q4.** v18-24. If you had to argue for the reality of the gospel by giving one example of how you have changed as a result of your faith in Christ, what would you share?

#### **Day 3: Read Gal 2:1-10.**

**Q5.** This probably refers to Acts 11:19-30 but some believe it refers to Acts 15. With this in mind, what is the revelation of Gal 2:2? Why did Paul go to Jerusalem (Acts 11:27f)? What was he told there (Gal 2:7-9)?

**Q6.** How is Titus an example to avoid legalism (2:3)?

#### **Day 4: Read Gal 2:11-21.**

**Q7.** What disagreement does Paul have with Peter?

**Q8.** What lesson has Peter either forgotten or decided to ignore to "get along" (Acts 10:1-48, esp v27-29,44-45)?

#### **Day 5: Read Gal 2:11-21.**

**Q9.** Why is Paul so adamant about Gentiles not having to follow Jewish customs?

**Q10.** According to v21, if you can be in right standing with God through your own efforts -- for example by being "good enough" -- what did Christ die for?