



## The Liberating Truth of Romans 6

**Romans 6:1-14:** Three keywords: *Know* (v. 3), *Consider* (v. 11), *Present* (v. 13).

### I. *Know* your position in Christ

• **Verse 3:** “*Do you not know?*”

1. If you want victory over sin, you must know your position in Christ.

• **Verses 1-2:** “*We...died to sin.*” You have a *new status* that radically alters your relationship to sin. Its power and reign over you have been broken (cf. verses 6-7, 14).

2. **Verses 3-4:** You have a *whole new identity* by virtue of your union with Christ.

• Theologians refer to this as “*Identification.*”

3. The main point: You will not enter into a life of victory if you *only* see the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as a means of delivering you from the penalty of sin (hell). To live a life of victory, you *also* need to see yourself as having “*died with Christ*” and as having been raised to “*newness of life.*”

• **Verse 5:** In a sense, believers share in Christ’s resurrection life *now* (Rom. 6:4b, 13; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:1).

• **Verse 6-7:** Sins mastery and power has been broken.

### II. *Consider* this to be true

1. **Verse 11:** Believe what God says is true.

2. A warning about “*feelings.*”



3. How can the exhortation in verse 11 be put into practice in everyday life?
  - Temptation — “feel” compelled to sin.
  
  - Your identity in Christ must shape the way you think about yourself and the things you face in life.
4. **Verse 12:** You can now choose not to obey your old sinful desires and tendencies.

### **III. *Present* yourself to God as an instrument for righteousness**

1. **Verse 13:** The personal and practical working of the sanctifying process.
2. Two-facets to the sanctification process in v. 13 (cf. Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:1-17).
  - Sanctification is not merely the avoidance of sin, but the promotion of godliness.
3. A personal word of assurance and encouragement — **Romans 6:19**.

### **Recommended Resources:**

1. “The Liberating Truth of Romans 6: Breaking Free from Sinful Habits, Thoughts, and Tendencies,” by Armand Tiffe. Helps believers understand their union and identity in Christ. It’s an eye-opener and faith-builder for any struggling Christian.
2. “Transformed into His Likeness: A Handbook for Putting Off Sin and Putting On Righteousness,” by Armand Tiffe. A practical resource detailing how to put Christ-like change into practice in everyday life and a useful tool for those involved in counseling/discipleship ministries. It’s a perfect sequel to “The Liberating Truth of Romans 6” booklet.