



Living a Godward Life (Part One)

Sunday, April 25/21

Text: Romans 6:1 – 14

For the death He Jesus died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So, you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- *Romans 6:10 – 11*

Two great truths were set forth among us – first, that Christ died for us; second, that we identified with Him in death. To thousands of Christians the second point was an aspect of the work of Christ that had hitherto escaped their notice. Here was the secret of rest and power presented in a word.

- *Jessie Penn-Lewis*

We have been proceeding upon a false basis. We have conceived of the Christian life as an imitation of Christ. It is NOT an imitation of Christ. It is a participation in Christ.

- *F. J. Huegel*

Introduction: (6:1)

Does our new life in God give us license to sin so that His grace is exalted? (By no means!)

1. A Godward Life is United with Christ (6:2 – 10)

- What do we know about the new life we have in Christ? (vs. 3, 6, 8, 9)

2. A Godward Life is Dead to Sin and Alive to God (6:11)

- What do we consider a logical response to this new life? (vs. 4, 11)

3. A Godward Life is Ruled by God as Reigning Lord (6:12 – 13)

- How do we present ourselves to God in order to live this new life? (vs. 12 – 13)



Study and Discussion Questions – Living a Godward Life (Part One)

Open It

1. What is one thing you would like to change about your life?
2. What motivates people to make major changes in their lives?

Explore It

3. Why should a forgiven, justified person make the effort NOT to sin? (6:1-2)
4. What does baptism symbolize about our relationship to Christ? (6:2-4)
5. What makes it possible for a person to live a new life? (6:4)
6. Before a person is united to Christ, to what is he or she a slave? (6:6)
7. How does being united with Christ through His death change our relationship to sin? (6:7)
8. Is it a new idea that God laid not only your sins on Jesus at the cross, but also you as a sinner?
9. What should the Christian's relationship to sin be like? (6:11-12)
10. What changes in attitude and action toward God happen in a follower of Christ? (6:11-13)

Get It

11. What does this passage tell us about the meaning of our union with Christ?
12. According to Paul, how does God help a person discard old habits and tendencies?
13. What are the symptoms and signs of a person in slavery to sin?
14. What are the symptoms and signs of a person who is alive to God in Christ?
15. How is sin no longer your master even though you might still commit specific sins?
16. In what ways is a Christian truly free? How do you experience your freedom in Christ?

Apply It

17. What is one of the 'cants' that you need to confront in your life? How can you draw from the well of your union with Christ, rather than merely the 'self-life' to overcome?
18. How can you offer yourself as an instrument of righteousness to God and to others this week?
19. How could you live a more Godward life during this season of Covid-19?
20. What is the main take home for you from this Scripture and message? Share it with another.