

Romans 6

1. Romans 1-5 tells us we are dead “in” sin Romans 6-8 tell us we are dead “to” sin Meaning that sin no longer has any authority over us, it can no longer dictate to us what to do.
2. Chapters 1-5 tell us that we are free from the “penalty of sin”. Chapters 6-8 tell us we are free from the “power” of sin.
3. Chapters 1-5 tell us that Salvation is accomplished apart from works. It’s done. It’s finished! The Work is complete
4. Christians try to fight sin by preaching, “No, No, No.! God’s word teaches us to say “Know, know, know” !...**know** that you have a new identification with Jesus Christ. Romans 6:3-5. We are set free through Jesus’ cross!
5. 6:3-5 Re: Baptism. Paul said “Know this when you were baptized, you received a new identification. Dead to the old stuff, you became publicly linked to Jesus Christ through baptism. Does one have to be baptized to be saved? No ! Ask the thief on the cross, to whom Jesus said, “Today you will be with me in paradise) Lk. 23:43
6. There are those who say, “Unless you are baptized in this manner, your salvation is invalid.” Not true. Anyone can be saved without baptism, for salvation is by faith alone in the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. The role of baptism is to provide an outward symbol of an inward commitment.
7. You don’t have to have a wedding ring to be married, but if your mate refused it, you may wonder why they didn’t want to publicly identify with you.... in baptism, we publicly identify with Christ.
8. Romans 6:6 the word crucified or destroyed in this verse in greek is ‘Katargeo’. It means rendered “inactive or paralyzed”. It doesn’t mean annihilated. Therefore when your old sin nature screams at you to do the old things, Paul says in essence that although he can yell, he is powerless to act since the Cross paralyzed him from the neck down.
9. Rom. 6:7-9 The work of the cross is complete.
10. Rom. 6:9-11 Paul is saying know this that when Jesus died on the Cross, your old sin nature was with Him, count on it ! That is why Communion has two elements, for when you take the cup, you celebrate the fact that you are “free from the penalty of sin”. And when you take the broken Body, you appropriate the fact that you are “free from the power of sin.”
11. The word healed in greek in this passage is Sozo. It speaks not only of physical healing, but of the fullness of salvation...being set free from sin, and insulated from all oppression! This explains why Jesus received those lashes, and why His body was pierced, why He went through what He did – for besides the shedding of blood which provides forgiveness from sin, the breaking of His body provides victory over sin.
12. The power of sin IS broken! Believe it by faith. Sin’s dominion is not broken through clever counseling or talking it through. It is broken through one thing only. The Work of Calvary...Christ’s death on the cross.
13. My precious sisters. Whatever we struggle with or whatever temptation we are wrestling with, it is powerless in light of the Cross. When we finally have enough, when we at last have our fill of the venom which we have allowed to infect us and those around us, when we finally determine that we don’t want to be under dominion any longer, know this; You can be free at that moment. No support group needed, no counseling is necessary. Just say , “Lord, now I understand. You told me that this old man was paralyzed on the cross. I believe it. That settles it, and with the spike of the Cross, and the hammer of the Word, you nail it right there and walk away free. It is that simple!