

# Romans 6: Battle Sin And Win!

## Romans 6:9-13

\*STUDY POINT: Reread Romans 6:1-8 and write down verse by verse Paul's systematic argument for true grace, justification, and sanctification. By his teaching, what might we learn about the audience he is addressing?

### **Romans 6:9**

*(KJV) Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.*

*(NIV) For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.*

Brethren, it was you and I that died on the cross with Jesus. Therefore, our knowing—step one of God's battle plan against sin—this one-time event happened on our behalf is the beginning of our new reality inside the Gospel. However, for the Gospel to take hold in our everyday lives, we must reckon/consider—step two of God's battle plan against sin—Scripture to be true. We must reckon His Word not only in a general sense for all humankind, but appropriate it's truth for ourselves and our sin individually. This is why daily meditation on the Scriptures is so critical to reckoning God's Word to be our reality:

### **Psalm 1:2**

*But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

### **Psalm 119:11**

*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

### **Joshua 1:8**

*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

### **Job 23:11-12**

*My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.*

That's right! Only we can prioritize God's Word in our hearts. And in this way we demonstrate that we love Him and His ways far above this world:

### **1John 2:15-17**

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

**John 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

**Colossians 3:1-2**

*If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

\*QUESTION FOR MEDITATION: Where does God's Word—specifically the daily memorization and meditation of it—figure into your schedule? Is there room in your lifestyle for the truth of His Word to be reckoned—as we have defined that word in this teaching? How intentional are you willing to be regarding this central spiritual discipline?

So then we understand that the eternal wage for sin, namely death, has been paid in full once and for all through the gift of our crucified Jesus:

**Romans 6:23**

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Romans 6:10**

*(KJV) For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

*(NIV) The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.*

This verse delivers the fatal blow to grace-abusers everywhere! In response to Romans 6:1-2, Romans 6:10 reasons rightly that the once-for-all death of Jesus/our sin on the cross was followed by a once-for-all resurrection/new life unto God. This resurrection event also applies to each of us who have accepted the salvation Gospel into our hearts and lives. Simply put, living unto God means newness of life. Continuing in sin and living a lifestyle of sin no longer makes sense for the Jesus follower!

**Romans 6:11**

*(KJV) Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*(NIV) In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

To reckon (Greek *logizomai*) is not a one-time action but a process over time in which the believer takes inventory of a truth and allows it to become a firm reality in their hearts. So, the event of the one-time death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is the truth every believer must reckon/consider to be true so that the matter of continuing in sin is dealt with—not through vain self-effort—but through the power of God's Word.

These are transformational truths!

**Romans 6:12**

*(KJV) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

*(NIV) Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.*

So now, because we have reckoned that we are dead to sin, we no longer have to serve and obey sin. The grace of God's Word now creates another option:

**Titus 2:11-14**

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

**Romans 6:13**

*(KJV) Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

*(NIV) Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.*

And don't we want our bodies to be used of God for kingdom-building purposes? Of course! He can work through almost any kind of vessel to varying degrees, but He delights in the clean, holy vessel ready to be used for His special purposes:

**2Timothy 2:20-21**

*In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.*

Therefore, because we have learned to know, and to reckon, we can now yield—step three of God's battle plan against sin—ourselves unto God as instruments of righteousness.

Hallelujah!

~ Reverend Darren McClelland