

Romans 6:1-11

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I. Introduction.

II. Paul is interacting with legalist questions in Romans 6.

A. It is impossible for a Christian to live a life of habitual sin because sin is no longer his master.

B. The mechanics of the spiritual life in Romans 6: God broke the power of indwelling sin and implanted the divine nature within us.

C. Romans 7 is the monkey wrench of the spiritual life: self-dependence.

D. Romans 8 is the dynamics of the spiritual life: the Holy Spirit.

III. Acts of sin result from yielding to the sinful nature.

IV. Knowing our death to sin and walking in newness of life make it impossible to habitually sin as a Christian.

V. God did not remove the evil nature—he separated us from it.

A. God uses the surgical knife to cut us from the evil nature but it is still there.

B. God never needs to repeat this act. His work was thorough.

VI. Because of our frailty, Christians do yield, but they do not need to yield.

VII. The process of breaking the power of sin: Romans 5:12-8:27.

VIII. When a person is baptized they are brought into a new place or a new union.

IX. A new kind of life is produced in us. (Ephesians 4:23)

X. We have a choice of yielding to sin or not. (Philippians 2:13)

XI. The physical body is dominated by the sinful nature—we are no longer rendered as slaves to this. Our bodies are not permanently free.

XII. Our job.

A. Recon that we are dead to sin.

B. Give our lives to God.

XIII. The sin nature has been broken and we can experience God's divine power.

Application questions:

1. What role does personal effort play in holiness?

2. What does it mean to recon ourselves dead to sin?

3. How would you explain the mechanics of the spiritual life? What is our current relationship to sin?
