

Small group optional guide: Romans series: Dead to sin Alive to God!

UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through the word & worship

WORD: Romans 6:6-11 Dead to sin, Alive to God

Romans 6 continues Paul's powerful shift from what God has done for us to how we now live in light of it. Chapters 1–5 established an immovable foundation: we are justified — declared righteous before God — entirely because of what Jesus has done. That truth does not move. Romans 6 invites us to step onto that foundation and live from it.

Paul's message in Romans 6:6–11 is not about trying harder or battling sin with willpower. It is about identity. Who you believe you are will shape how you live.

➤ V6 “We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Paul presents a clear, binary reality: old self and new self. The “old self” is who we were before Christ — fully under the rule of sin. That old self was not weakened, restrained, or rehabilitated; it was crucified with Christ. Crucifixion means final, complete, once-for-all death. Sin's authority has been rendered powerless.

This does not mean temptation disappears. It means ownership has changed.

➤ V7 “For one who has died has been set free from sin.”

The word Paul uses carries the sense of being cleared of all charges. Sin no longer has legal rights over the believer. Romans 1–5 built this case carefully: through Christ, we are fully justified. Romans 6 now tells us how to live as people who truly believe that verdict. Paul then points us to Jesus Himself.

➤ V9 “Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.”

Jesus was not merely revived; He was raised into an entirely new, indestructible life. Sin and death no longer exercise dominion over Him — ever again. He reigns as Lord, with full authority. And the astonishing truth of the gospel is this: we are united with Him.

➤ V10 “The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.”

Where Jesus is, believers are counted to be. Scripture repeatedly affirms this: we are raised with Christ, seated with Him, our lives hidden with Him (Ephesians 2:5–6; Colossians 3:1–3). This is not a future promise only — it is a present reality.

➤ Paul then gives a direct command: “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:11)

“Consider” (logizesthe) means to reckon, account, and treat as true. This is not...

(...continued) positive thinking or pretending; it is aligning our daily thinking with God's declared reality. Justification is once-for-all, but this reckoning is daily. We are called to repeatedly bring our minds, self-understanding, and choices under the truth of who we already are in Christ.

This changes everything. If sin is no longer our master, then obedience is not about fear or guilt, but about living consistently with our true identity. We resist sin not to become free, but because we already are. The Christian life, then, is learning a new language — the language of truth. It takes immersion: Scripture, fellowship, worship, and life together. Over time, we learn to speak truth over ourselves and one another: I am new. I am righteous. I am dead to sin and alive to God.

We must step fully into who God says you are. (take your sledge...*feel the rhythm*...)

Discussion Questions

- **Identity Check:** Romans 6:11 commands us to consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God. Where do you find yourself still thinking or living as if sin has authority over you?
- **Belief vs. Experience:** What feels hardest to accept about the idea that your “old self” has truly died? How might this truth challenge how you see yourself before God?
- **Life Change:** If you genuinely believed — every day — that you are alive to God and united with Christ, what would change in how you respond to temptation, failure, or shame?

Worship songs from Sunday:

Here for you / Days of Elijah / All glory / Amazing grace / You have won me

IN; we connect and learn to love one another

After discussing the questions what do you feel has to change? How will you start to renew your mind to speak our new language of truth? Daily devotion? Who will stand with you and encourage you to keep going?

OUT; we reach out to show people outside of JCC that God loves them

This weekend we gave our offering to the desperate need in Ukraine to our church family through Victor and Polina in Kyiv. We heard that their need is urgent, with temperatures dropping to -20 degrees, the power shortage needed a response, so our offering is going to them to help buy fuel to run their generators.

Please pray for a miracle, for peace, for energy supplies to return urgently, for our offering to multiply, for Victor and Polina's strength and protection. Any further giving can still be made, please put “3g Ukraine” in the reference.