

Dead to sin, Alive in Christ
Rom 6:1-14

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You can and should expect personal holiness in this life.

You can and should see personal spiritual growth.

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You can and should expect to see obedience to Jesus in this life.

You can and should expect to see a steady decline of sin's appeal in your life.

There are three key words to help us understand Romans 6.

Know - There are some things you need to know.

Count - You may have a translation that says, consider. There are some things you need to apply.

Offer - You might have the word, present. Things you need to do.

Let's look first at what we need to know.

>Rom 6:6-7

Just like someone who inherits great things they don't know about, it's possible to have an inheritance in Christ and not know what you've got. In order to enjoy those things, they need to know about them.

Here's something you want to know:

If you are a Christian, your relationship with sin has totally changed.

You don't work for King Sin anymore.

Sin is not the boss of you.

Sin has no authority over you.

Sin is no longer calling the shots.

Here's something to apply:

Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God.

Sin is not appropriate for you.

Sin is not the life that God has intended for you.

Sin is inconsistent with who you are.

Through your union with Jesus Christ, you have died to sin.

Therefore, you are separated from sin's power.

You get to follow Jesus. Not because you HAVE to but because you GET to!

Here's something you need to offer:

Do not offer the parts of your body - your eyes and ears and tongue and hands and feet and sexual organs,

Do not offer any of that which was formerly used in service to King Sin.

The biggest change that has occurred in your life, if you are a Christian, is this:

King Sin has been dethroned. He still has power, but he has no authority unless you give him authority.

Someone else is now on the throne. That would be, **King Jesus**.