

Romans

Lesson 6: Romans 6

If someone asked you, “How can I know that I am a true Christian?”, how would answer? Paul tells us that one of the marks of a true Christian is they will no longer live like they did as an unbeliever. They will be sanctified. Sanctification has three aspects: 1) being set apart in salvation; 2) a progressive or growing experience of greater holiness and less sinfulness; and 3) final sanctification in glorification. In chapter 6, Paul is focused on the second aspect of sanctification. After Christians are justified by God’s grace and receive the free gift of salvation, they then begin the process of sanctification. Every true believer in Christ will grow in greater holiness and sinlessness. Let’s dive in and see what God’s Word has to say about the sanctification of believers.

➤ **Read Romans 6:1–10**

1. In verse 1, why would Paul ask the question, “Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?” Hint: See 5:20-21.

2. In verse 2, how does Paul answer his question from verse 1?

3. In verse 3, what does Paul say every Christian should “know”?

➡ **Baptize** = “to submerge, dip, immerse into water.” However, in verses 3 and 4 Paul is not talking about water baptism but is talking about being “immersed” into Christ.

4. In verse 4, how does Paul relate the reality of the resurrection of Christ to the Christian’s life?

5. In verse 6, what else should all Christians “know”?

6. According to verse 7, what happens to Christians who have “died” to our old body of sin?

Application: Think of a sin that you have struggled with in the past. How did God help you to overcome your struggle with that sin?

7. According to verse 8, what do all Christians “believe”?

8. In verse 9, what else should all Christians “know”?

9. According to verse 10, how does Paul describe Christ’s “death” and “life”?

Application: How does the knowledge of your new position in Christ help you in your daily walk with Christ?

➤ **Read Romans 5:11–23**

10. “Consider” is the first imperative (command) in the book of Romans. Based upon the knowledge of verses 1–10, what should all Christians “consider” in verse 11?

Application: Knowledge is the first step in understanding your new life in Christ. But you must also “consider” (or “reckon”) it to be true in our own lives. *Considering* is faith in action that rests in the Word of God despite circumstances or feelings. Why is it so dangerous for Christians to rely on their feelings instead of the truths of God’s Word?

11. In verses 12–13, Paul gives two negative (“do not”) commands. What are they?

12. In verse 13, what is Paul’s positive command?

13. In verse 14, what reason does Paul give for believers being able to master sin?

14. In verse 15, how does Paul answer his own question about sinning?

15. In verse 16, what does Paul say about “the one whom you obey”?

16. In verse 17, how does Paul describe your life before you were saved?

17. In verse 18, what are two ways Paul describes believers?

18. According to verse 19, what is the end goal of those who walk in righteousness?

Application: Do Christians ever stay stagnant in sanctification? Explain.

19. According to verses 20–21, what is the outcome for those who are slaves to sin?

20. In verse 22, what is the ultimate outcome for those who are slaves of God?

21. In verse 23, how does Paul describe eternal life?

Application: Paul gives three aspects of sanctification (to “know,” “consider,” and “present”). Which of these do you struggle with the most? Do you struggle more with knowing God’s salvation truths or living them out? Explain.

Application: What one verse impacted you the most in this study? Explain.