

Summit Woods Baptist Church
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

Romans 6:8-11

As we remember and celebrate Christ's death and resurrection this week, Pastor Bret will be preaching a two-part sermon from Romans 6:1-11 on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

❖ Day 1

Read Romans 6:1-11 in your Bible and then read Romans 6:8-11 again below.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The verbs are underlined. The main clauses remain to the left, and the supporting clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops or explains previous clauses. Suggested themes in the text are provided in the box on the left. As the class progresses, you will have the opportunity to learn how to do this yourself.

I. What we believe: in union with Christ, we will live

II. What we know about Christ's death and life: death no longer reigns over him, so he lives for God.

III. We must think of ourselves as being what we know Christ is.

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ,
we believe
that we will also live with him.

⁹ We know
that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Beginning in chapter 3 of Romans, as he presents his teaching, Paul raises a series of questions ("What shall we say then?") to answer the objections and concerns that might be raised. Chapter 6 begins with a "what shall we say then?" in response to what he has presented in chapter 5.

1. According to 6:1, what question is Paul going to address?
2. 5:20b says "but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." Why might this statement cause someone to ask the question "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?"
3. In 5:12-21, Paul is talking about two opposing reigning forces. In 5:21, what reigned in death?

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- a. What reigns through righteousness?
 - b. Where does grace's reign in righteousness lead?
4. For 6:8-11 printed above, mark all references to death and sin in one color. In another color, mark all references to life, resurrection, and God the Father. What color dominates the first part of the passage, and what color dominates the second part of the passage?
- a. What event happened to shift the focus from one to the other?

❖ Day 2

Read Romans 6:8-11 again.

- 5. What future eternal impact does the death and resurrection of Christ have for believers? And which verses inform your answer?
- 6. According to 6:4, how do we know that Christ's resurrection should impact our present lives now and not just secure our eternal life?
- 7. What present impact should the *death* of Christ have in the life of the believer?

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8. What present impact should the *resurrection* of Christ have in the life of the believer?
9. Look at the tenses of the verbs in verse 10. In what tense does Paul speak of Christ's death?
 - a. In what tense does Paul speak of Christ's life?
 - b. How does this influence the way we should think about our relationship to death and sin and life and righteousness?

(Note: Technically in the Greek, "he died" is in the aorist tense, which we do not have in English, but this aorist speaks to past events.)

❖ Day 3

Read Romans 6:8-11 again.

10. In verse 11, what does Paul mean by "consider yourselves"?
11. In the Greek, in verse 11, "dead" is an adjective but "alive" is a verb. How does this influence your understanding?

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12. Paul's teachings typically follow the pattern "know right ... and so then do right." According to this passage, what should we know/believe/think?

13. Look ahead to 6:12-14. What then should we do in response?

14. To summarize the passage, restate Paul's argument backwards: You must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus because ...

15. How does this passage encourage you to display the reign of grace through righteousness in your daily life?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive to God because of our union with Christ. Pray for those who do not normally attend church but will be present this Sunday. Pray that the Holy Spirit would cause them to clearly hear the gospel and to repent and believe.