

# LifeGroups

## *“The Difference”*

### *Part 3*

#### Romans 6:1-18

*For the four weeks after Easter we are taking a break from our study of Mark's gospel and focusing on the difference Jesus makes to the world and in our lives. These four weeks provide a great connection point for people who are new to Christianity or who have not yet made a faith commitment to Jesus. Use this sermon discussion guide with your Life Group, your family, or in your private devotions to study the Bible and reflect on the Sunday sermon.*

***This week's main point:*** *Last week we learned that justification is an act of God's free grace in which, by grace, he forgives our sins and counts us as righteous in Christ. This week we turn our attention to sanctification. Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit through which he transforms us more and more into the likeness of Christ. Though we often fail, believers are able (by grace) to turn away from temptation and live in obedience to God. Where does that power come from? Is it only for “super saints”? How does the gospel provide hope even after we've sinned? Paul answers those and other questions in Romans 6.*

## Share

*What brings you joy?*

## Study

1. **Read Romans 6:1-18.**
2. *In one sentence, how would you tell someone the main point of this passage?*
3. *Thinking about what Paul has said prior to Romans 6, why does he raise the question, “Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?”?*
4. *How does Paul answer his own question?*
5. *Why is it unthinkable that a believer in Jesus would continue to live in sin?*

## **S**ee Jesus

1. *What does Paul mean when he says “we have died with Christ” (vs. 8)?*
2. *What does it mean to be united with Christ in his resurrection (vs. 5)?*
3. *In light of this week’s passage, how does the resurrection of Christ benefit you?*
4. *What is the Christian to think and do when he or she gives in to sin?*

## **S**end

1. *From what specifically has Jesus set you free?*
2. *How is being a “slave to righteousness” (vs. 18) the path to true freedom?*

3. *How does this week's passage affect you emotionally? Is it discouraging or encouraging, and why?*
  
4. *What does it look like in practical terms to "consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (vs. 11)?*

## **S**upplicate

- ◆ *Pray for the revival of the church in the US.*
- ◆ *Pray for God's blessing on the Breakaway marriage retreat September 26-28. Even though it seems a long way off, we should begin now to ask that God will use Breakaway '14 to change lives and renew marriages.*
- ◆ *Pray for those nailing down plans for Vacation Bible School June 23-27.*
- ◆ *Pray for our church of the week: Innovation Church*
- ◆ *Pray for our missionaries of the week: Desirée & Logan Clark · Cru USC*
- ◆ *Pray for our unreached people group of the week: Gera of Nigeria*