

## **Weekend Message: iLiving Romans 6:1-10**

Pray each day, before you **Dive In** to God's word, that God the Holy Spirit, will be the teacher of your mind and heart. Pray for the **friends** in your Life Team to be faithful to study and receive God's truth for themselves today.

### **Life Team Ice Breaker – (see Last Page)**

#### **DAY ONE**

In this passage Paul does not say that sin has died to the Christian, he says that the Christian has died to sin. To live IN CHRIST and continue IN SIN is a logical and spiritual impossibility. The issue is control by sin, not deliverance from sinning at all. Our death to sin happened at salvation, when we were BAPTIZED. Paul is not talking about a physical ceremony; he is referring to a supernatural reality that has already taken place. Ceremonial baptism illustrates REAL baptism, it does not accomplish it. The reality of our baptism is our death to the old life that occurred when we were taken out of Adam and placed in to Christ, thus making new life possible.

1. Read Romans 6:1-10 – What are the key words that seem to stand out in this passage?
2. When Christ was crucified, why was death given mastery over Him? (II Cor. 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-6, 11-12; Romans 4:25; 5:21)
4. When Christ died and rose from the dead why didn't either sin or death have mastery over Him any longer? 6:7,9-10

#### **DAY TWO**

5. Think of someone you have encountered recently who believed they were truly free, but who was actually enslaved in bondage.

What caused this major difference between the way you saw them and the way they saw themselves?

6. Why did death have mastery over us? Vs. 6 (Romans 5:12,17; 6:23)

7. When and how did you come to the realization that you were enslaved to sin and in need of being set free?

**DAY THREE**

8. What is the difference between REAL baptism and ceremonial baptism?

9. Explain in your own words what happened to us when we were "baptized into Christ's death" (6:3)?

We were "buried with Christ" (4) \_\_\_\_\_

We were "united with Him in His death" (5) \_\_\_\_\_

Our "old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with" (6)

We were made "no longer slaves to sin" (6) and "freed from sin" (7) \_\_\_\_\_

10. In your own opinion, why is it important for believers to be baptized? Why is it important that they be mature enough to understand the meaning of the ceremony?

**DAY FOUR**

11. Vs. 5-11 - How does Paul use the image of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection as a picture of our changed relationship to sin?

12. Why is it possible for a Christian who has been "buried" with Christ to still hear "voices" out of the past?

13. Case Study: Your friend from church is still troubled by crippling fears and "voices" from the past. He/she can't seem to get past them and move forward. It's affecting his/her diet, job, relationships - even his/her marriage! He calls you at 3:00 AM - from a bar. What will you do?

**DAY FIVE**

14. What is one attitude you would like to "bury" with Christ?

15. How might focusing on "the new" help you let go of "the old?"

16. In what way have other Christians (those in your Life Team) been a help or an encouragement to you recently? Have you expressed your gratitude?

- **Pray for the Giving Hope Campaign – How will God call you to a new sense of ownership of the vision of your church.**

**ICEBREAKERS – Don't feel you have to use them all. Using at least one helps people get comfortable with each other and opens them up to sharing.**

- **Think back to when you first moved away from home. What did you most appreciate about your freedom? What were the drawbacks of that freedom?**
- **What is one bad habit that presently, or in your past, gained control over you?**