



## Salvation And Sin (Part I)

Romans 6:1-14

#8 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Salvation Breaks Sin's Reign.**

### **Does Salvation Affect Sin's Reign?**

1. Question: "Are we to continue in sin?" (1; cf. 5:20)
2. The Answer: "No! May it never be!" (2)

### **Why Salvation Breaks Sin's Reign.**

1. Believer's have died to sin in Christ. (2-10)
2. Believer's have risen to life in Christ. (2-10; cf. Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9)

### **The Believer's Escape From Sin's Reign.**

1. God's expectation for all believers. (2, 14)
2. Recognize the choice to be made. (11)
3. Stop playing games. (12-13a)
4. Commit yourself totally, decisively to God. (13; cf. 12:1)

## In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday.** After telling us about our great salvation, in chapter 6 Paul begins to touch on some questions of Christian living. He asks, “Are we to continue in sin?” Are we to consider sinning as not that important because we are saved? Are we to be victims of sin? His answer is “No! Salvation breaks sin’s reign!”

Do some stock taking as we come to the close of the year. What is your deep down heart attitude toward sin, toward all sin? Are there some areas or specific things in which you have been careless, downplayed sins’ importance, or felt like a helpless victim? Label any sin that has control over you as a *usurper*.

**Tuesday.** Paul tells us sin no longer should control us because we have died to sin in Christ (verses 2-10). What does it mean that you have died to sin in Christ? What does it mean that sin’s reign over you is broken? Review any *usurpers* you identified yesterday. List them, writing “In Christ I have died to”.. in front of each one you list.

**Wednesday.** Christ’s salvation not only frees us *from* sin, but also *to* life. We have died and also have been raised with Christ. Read and think through verses 2-13 noting the truths surrounding the words “life,” “live,” “living” “alive,” “resurrection,” and “raised.” Write out your own paraphrase of what it means to have been raised with Christ.

**Thursday.** Your escape and freedom from sin’s reign is desired, expected and made possible by God. Review the four points under “The believer’s escape from sin’s reign” on the outline. Think through them in personal, not just conceptual terms. Now review any usurpers you identified earlier this week in light of these truths. What action are you going to take ... starting now?

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to continue Paul’s treatment of salvation and sin as we consider 6:15-23. Read and think through these verses in preparation for our time together.

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