

Mount Calvary Baptist Church
Lesson Title: The Believer's Relationships
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Romans 6:1-23 (Background Passage)
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Theological Principle: When we surrender to Christ as Lord and Master over our lives, we are transformed into His image.

Introduction

Who was your first boss? Was this person easy or challenging to work for? Share a story you have from that experience.

Today we'll discuss how one of the ways we are changed by our relationship with God is that we become slaves to Him. How do you feel about being a slave to God?

What does it mean to you to say that God has authority over your life?

Understanding the Text

In chapter 5, Paul has assured us that our new relationship with God will result in salvation from God's wrath in the judgment. Because we are in Christ, we can be confident of the eternal life he has secured for us. But what does this new relationship mean for our lives in the present? Are we merely "in limbo," waiting for the day of final salvation? Not at all, Paul now makes clear. Christ has set us free not only from the *penalty* of sin, but also from the *power* of sin.

• **United with Christ in Death and Resurrection (6:1–5) NIV**

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

- *Why should a forgiven, justified person make a strong effort not to sin? (6:1-2)*
- *What does baptism symbolize about our relationship to Christ? (6:2-4)*
- *What makes it possible for a person to live a new life? (6:4)*

In this context is Paul describing water Baptism – “Yes” or “No”. **Why OR Why Not** _____

Paul used the word Baptized in this context to mean that..... _____

- **The Results of Dying with Christ (6:6–7)**

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

- Before a person is united to Christ, to what is he or she a slave? (6:6)
- How does being united with Christ through His death change our relationship to sin? (6:7)

“Old self”/“New self”

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

- 3) _____

That this thinking is on the right track is suggested by the way Paul can use “new self” language to describe Christ (Eph. 4:13) and the Christian community (Eph. 2:15; Col. 3:10–11). Progress in the Christian life will come as we learn to live out the new relationship God has put us in. We belong to a new corporate structure or regime, dominated by Christ and not by Adam. That new relationship provides, in principle, for all the power we need to stop sinning and to live to God’s glory.

- **The Results of Being Raised with Christ (6:8–10)**

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

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

- After Christ died and was raised, why did neither sin nor death have any power over Him? (6:7, 9-10)
- How will uniting with Christ in His death change the future of our lives? (6:8-10)

- **Putting Our New Status into Action (6:11–14)**

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part

