

Week of September 27, 2026 - A New Life

Small Group Study 16

Connect

When you were a child, did you have a specific chore you had to do at home like vacuuming or washing dishes? Did you ever try to do extra work hoping to get a bigger allowance or reward from your parents? Did it always work?

Verses - Romans 6:1-14 (CSB)

Read aloud:

1 What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may
multiply? 2 Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Or are
you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized
into his death? 4 Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in
order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so
we too may walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in the
likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection.
6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by
sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, 7
since a person who has died is freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we
believe that we will also live with him, 9 because we know that Christ, having
been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. 10
For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he
lives to God. 11 So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in
Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you
obey its desires. 13 And do not offer any parts of it to sin as weapons for
unrighteousness. But as those who are alive from the dead, offer yourselves to
God, and all the parts of yourselves to God as weapons for righteousness. 14 For
sin will not rule over you, because you are not under the law but under grace.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. According to vv.1-4, Paul says we must not keep sinning. Since Jesus already died for our sins and completely gave us a new life, why should we choose to live this new way instead of returning to our old habits?

2. In vv.5-7, Paul says our old self was crucified so we are no longer slaves to sin. If the text says we are already freed from sin, how does this change the way we handle our daily struggles compared to just trying harder on our own?

3. Looking at vv.8-11, Paul tells us to simply consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God. How is believing and resting in this truth different from trying to do good and be holy through our own human effort?

4. Based on vv.12-16, we are told to offer our bodies to God because we are under grace, not under the law. How does living under God's grace motivate us to obey Him out of love and freedom rather than a fear of punishment?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi used the story of two fields to show that God moved us out of the field ruled by sin and into the field ruled by Jesus. Satan can still shout over the wall, and sometimes we listen out of bad habit, but he no longer controls us. What are some practical ways we can ignore those shouts and listen to Jesus instead?

Discuss 2:
Pastor Takeshi shared how he got an allowance for vacuuming the stairs. He realized the money was given by grace and not just a payment to make him work more. When we mess up, God forgives us by grace. Why is it a mistake to think this grace is just a free pass to keep sinning?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing *specific* prayer requests.