

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: August 4, 2021**  
**Romans 6**

1. Why is Paul asking the questions in verse 1?
  - a. Because in the previous chapter (verse 20) he stated that sin and grace (as sin increased, grace increased all the more) were tied together.
  - b. Based on verses 20 & 21 of chapter 5, this is a logical question.
  - c. Human reasoning would lead us down this path, but relationship with God does not, and he wants to correct the fallacy before someone runs with it.
  
2. Is Paul wishy washy about the answer to this question, according to verse 2?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What does Paul say about our relationship with sin, according to verses 2-7?
  - a. We will always live in it as humans.
  - b. We have died to sin.
  - c. "How can we live in it any longer?" is rhetorical and suggests that we cannot live in it any longer.
  - d. We should "no longer be slaves to sin."
  - e. "Anyone who has died has been set free from sin."
  
4. Why does Paul bring baptism into this?
  - a. Baptism carries the symbolism of sharing in the death of Christ.
  - b. Baptism also carries the symbolism of the resurrection into new life.
  - c. If we don't understand the meaning of our "rituals" (particularly the sacraments), then we will tend to hold up the ritual while acting in ways that contradict their intended testimony and significance.
  - d. Paul speaks about new creation in 2 Corinthians 5:17, this is what baptism symbolizes.
  
5. What instructions does Paul give us in verse 12-14? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What does it mean for sin to reign in your mortal body?
  - a. You have a terrible addiction.
  - b. You are tempted to do wrong.
  - c. Sin gets so bad that it starts to control my life.
  - d. When you obey the evil desires (those contrary to the will of God) of your physical body, you have let those desires have their way...they are in charge...instead of letting God have his way...making Him Lord...thus, those desires "reign in your mortal body" and God does not (see also James 1:13-15).
  
6. What does it mean to be a slave to righteousness that leads to holiness?
  - a. We are no longer a slave to sin.
  - b. We obey God rather than obeying sin.
  - c. You have been set free from sin and are now slaves of God.
  - d. You choose your master, but you have chosen God's plan instead of the desires of your flesh.
  
7. Is sin reigning in your life or are you a slave to righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_