

LESSON 13: ROMANS 6:8-23

One With Christ

1. What does a Christian “know” (vv. 3, 6, and 9), and what must be done with that knowledge (vv. 11-14)? What is the first step for the Christian in attaining victory over sin?
2. In verse 11, where Paul writes, “Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ,” the word translated “consider” is *logizomai*, which means count, reckon, calculate, take into account; credit, place to one's account; consider, think, suppose; evaluate, look upon as, class; maintain, claim; think on, reflect upon.¹ It turns out that this is an important word for Christians! Read the following verses and reflect on their meaning for your life: Luke 22:37; Romans 4:3-6, 8-11, 22-23; 6:11; 8:18; 9:8; 1 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 3:13; and 4:8.
3. What must a Christian do to live a consistent life before God (vv. 11-14)? What does it mean *to you* that you are not under law but under grace?
4. What foundational truth makes it possible for a Christian to obey these instructions?

Living Under Grace

1. According to Paul, between what two masters must a person choose (v. 16)? What insights does he provide which help in making this choice?
2. What benefits do people think they gain by self-serving actions? However, what is the real result for the person enslaved to sin?

¹ By the way, what Greek word does *logizomai* look like?

3. In what ways is the Christian's relationship to God like slavery? In what ways is that relationship not like slavery? (See also John 15:15; and Romans 6:17, 22-23.)

4. Why does Paul speak of slavery to “obedience” (v. 16), to “righteousness” (v. 18-19), and to “God” (v. 22)? How are these kinds of slavery connected? What is sanctification? How does it relate to these verses (vv. 15-23)? What would you say to the person who asked, “What is required to live a holy life?”