

1 | Consider yourself alive in Christ.

*So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **ROMANS 6:11***

(Read also **ROMANS 6:5-11.**)

Because we are united with Christ in His death and resurrection, our old, sinful selves have already died with Him. This frees us from the power of sin. When we consider ourselves dead to sin, we no longer focus on struggling with sin. Instead, we are alive in Christ and rely on the grace He gives us. How has this new life in Christ changed the way you live?

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2 | Let Christ reign in your life.

*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. **ROMANS 6:12***

Because we died to sin, we are no longer governed by it. Instead of allowing sin to direct our decisions and actions, our response must be to let Christ reign in our lives. We should put our trust in Him, submitting and yielding to Him and allowing His grace to transform all the areas of our lives. Share a time you deliberately allowed Christ to govern your decisions and actions.

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3 | Present yourself to God as an instrument of righteousness.

*Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. **ROMANS 6:13***

Instruments are tools used by a skilled person, like a surgeon or a musician, to accomplish a goal. Since we have already died to sin and have been made alive with Christ, we are no longer to deliberately offer our bodies for sinful purposes. Rather, as people who have been given a new life by God, we are to present ourselves to Him to be His instruments for righteous purposes. In what ways have you presented yourself to be an instrument for God's purposes?

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APPLICATION

- Have you put your faith in Jesus Christ so that you may have new life in Him? Ask someone to pray with you to experience this new life today.
- Is there an area of your life over which you have not yet allowed Christ to reign? In what way can you surrender this area of your life to Him this week?
- How can you, as an instrument of God's righteousness, demonstrate and declare the gospel to your family and friends this week?