

Romans 6:1-8:4 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Romans 6:15-19 how can we abuse our new grace position (v15-16)? What 2 realities does Paul point out (v16, 17-18) and what should we do as a result (v19)?

5. According to 6:20-23 what condition were we in before Christ (v20) and what was the result (v21)? In Christ what is our new condition and benefit (v22)? Contrast the results between sin's wages and God's free gift (v23).

6. Based on 7:1-6 what is our new relationship to the law (v1, 4)? Using Paul's human example (v2-3) what effects should this have in our lives (v4, 5-6) - what is our "before and after"?

7. Looking at 7:7-13 what objection is answered and how (v7)? What is the real culprit (v8)? What is the function (v9-11) and nature (v12) of the Law, and what is the outcome (v13)?

8. Read 7:14-20. What is true of man (v14, 15, 18) and what does this show about the law (v16)? What is responsible for the believer's sin (v17, 19-20)? What do you think this means?

9. Using 7:21-25 what is present in us (v21) and what is true about believers (v22, 23, 25)? In what condition does this leave us (v24) and what is the solution (v25)?

10. From 8:1-4 what is the reality for believers (v1) and why (v2)? How did this occur (v3-4) and for whom is it true (v4)? Explain how to walk "not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit (v4).

11 Looking back over 6:1-8:4 what realities as believers must we understand (6:6-8, 14, 22-23; 7:6, 14, 17, 18, 22-23, 8:1, 3-4) and how are we to apply them (6:4, 11, 12-14, 19; 7:4, 24-25; 8:4)?

Scripture to Remember

"Do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."

Romans 6:13 (NAS)

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Life Group Questions—Choose Greatness (Matt 20:20-28)

(Using questions from Sunday's sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)

1. Name some of the people that people would consider "great" today (right or wrong). What do you think makes a person great? How has that changed for you over the years?
2. Read Matt 20:20-25. What did James and John consider "greatness" (v20-23) and the other disciples (v24-25)? Discuss why 1) possessions 2) position and 3) power are not the keys to true greatness.
3. Based on Matt 20:26-28 how did Jesus define true greatness? Why are most people not excited about this concept? What are some of the wrong reason that people serve?
4. Talk about the fact that we are saved to serve—read Eph 2:10. How does 2 Tim 1:9 (see also Mark 10:45) explain the rationale, or right reason, for our service?
5. How does the fact that each of us is also gifted to serve (see 1 Pet 4:10) show the necessity of service from God's viewpoint? Each one share what they think their gift is.
6. Discuss how to identify your spiritual gift and your area of ministry in the Body at Celebration. What are some things that get in the way of committed serving?
7. If you have time talk about anything else that stood out to you from the message.



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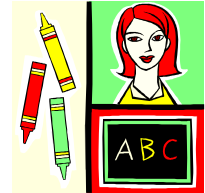
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Death Benefits Romans 6:1-8:4



The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

The most important item in every life insurance policy is the amount of the death benefits—what the company pays the beneficiary when the one insured dies. In this week’s study in Romans Paul talks about the “death benefits” we have because of Christ’s death and our union with Him. When we believed in Christ we were baptized (immersed) into His death. This means that we should no longer live in sin because this “old self” was crucified with Christ. Thus our old way of thinking and living should “leap” to its death since this old self no longer has authority over us; it is dead. Instead, we are to live for Christ by virtue of His resurrection. The first step in this “leap to death” is to consider ourselves dead to sin—a mental affirmation that enables us to live according to

that reality. The action involved is to stop presenting our bodies to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but to present them to God by obedience as instruments of righteousness. We are able to do this now because we have left the Law as our master. Now grace reigns over us, which means that God freely enables us to live for Him. The old way led to us receiving the wages of sin, which is death, but the new way is God’s free gift which grants to us eternal life. Because we died with Christ our old relationship to the Law, slavery, died with us. Now we are free to live for God and bear fruit for Him in the newness of the Spirit instead of the old method of the written Law. The final death benefit is the privilege of living in grace. Although our old nature, in which nothing good

Understanding the basics of Christianity will help us to grow to maturity.

resides, fights the new so that we can’t do what we wish, we can be delivered from this wretched condition through Jesus Christ our Lord. As a result there is no condemnation for those in Him—the “law” of the Spirit of life in Him has set us free from the Law of sin and death. This is initially due to Christ’s condemnation of sin in the flesh by His sacrificial death, but it continues to occur as we walk according to the Spirit rather than the old nature. It is then that the righteous requirement of the Law is fulfilled. In summary, because of our union with Christ, spiritually our death benefits are great.

Study Questions for Romans 6:1-8:4

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read Rom 6:1-7. What objection arose (v1) and how did Paul answer it (v2)? What realities are stated (v3, 5, 6, 7) and what should the results be (v4, 6, 7)? How is this working for you?	
2. Based on 6:8-11 what things are true of Christ (v9, 10) and how does this relate to us (v8)? What command are we given as a result of these facts (v11)? What does this mean to you?	
3. From 6:12-14 what is the conclusion of the preceding verses (v12)? What 2 things are we told to do in 6:13 and how does this relate to the command of 6:12? What is the underlying rationale (v14)? Explain.	

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