

Romans 6: 1-14



Getting started

Think about the last two years. Have you seen a change in your thinking, feeling and behaviour over that time? In what way? How has God been involved in this?

The Text – Rom 6:1–14

1. Read Rom 6:1. What is it about the flow of Romans 1–5 that could make someone think it doesn't matter how we live?

You might consider Rom 3:10; 3:21; 4:2; 5:1–2

2. Read Rom 6:1–14. Make a list of the times when *dead* or *death* is used. What's our connection to the death of Jesus? In what ways are we dead?

3. Read Rom 6:1–14. Make a list of the times when *alive* or *life* is used. What's our connection to the resurrection of Jesus? In what ways are we newly alive?

4. What things can enslave people? What would it mean to be free of these?

5. What do you think it means to “live to God” (v10)?

The Scriptures – Rom 6:1–14 as a Portion of Scripture

6. Paul talks about offering our lives and every part of ourselves to God for the purpose of righteousness. Can you think of how parts of our bodies can express a choice for wisdom in the book of Proverbs?

You might consider Prov 4:20–27; 6:16–19

7. How is Paul's thought in Romans 6 like 1 Pet 1:13–2:3? What impression does this passage give you of the Christian life?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Romans 6:1–14 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Discuss the following from Tim Chester, *You Can Change* (p62)

I used to think sanctification was a bit like pushing a boulder up a hill. It was hard, slow work and if you lost concentration you might find yourself back at the bottom. But it's more like a boulder running *down* a hill. There's something inevitable about it, because it's God's work and God always succeeds. The sad thing is that often I try to push the boulder back up the hill. I say, in effect: 'Don't change me yet—I like doing that sin.'