BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK Arthur and Eloise MacArthur | Laos

PRAISE

 The Lord opened the doors for a Lao Pastor training in early 2023. Al Doomy and Arthur were able to teach lessons on "The Pastor and His Church."

- In September 2023, Arthur, AI and Joy Doomy were able to host a Lao Couples Retreat with the focus of Love and Respect in the Marriage and the home.

 Many ministries are continuing to move forward with national leaders, these local leaders are facilitating evangelistic outreach and baptisms are being held.

> PRAY - Pray for continued wisdom in Lao trainings.

Pray for the financial needs of the Lao ministry, pastors, and believers.
Pray for good health for Arthur and Eloise.



Handout: 03/03/24

Study Date: 03/10/24

Living Grace

"For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace." —Romans: 6:14

In other passages in the Bible we know that Christ died FOR our sins, but in this passage in Romans we know that Christ also died UNTO sin. In the first instance, Christ died to pay the price of our sin, and the price that Jesus paid for our sin was His death. In the second case, Christ died to break the power of sin in our life, which means that for the rest of the time that we live in this sinful world, sin does not have to have power over us.

When Christ died for our sins it was a once and for all payment, and there is nothing more to do but to simply believe the gospel message that Christ died for our sins and was raised the third day. The result of trusting Christ is that we are removed from the kingdom of Satan and placed into the family of God forever. Past, present, and future sins are paid for by the Cross of Christ.

At that moment in time, we were placed IN Christ. We were taken out of Adam at the point that we believed and placed into Christ. When we are IN Christ, it means that we have His life living in us and it is His life that delivers us from the power of sin - His life is our life - our entirely new life in Christ - our new life and not the old sinful pre-Cross life (which is often referred to as the old sin nature, the old man or the Adamic nature).

As a result of being IN Christ, the Cross has a secondary meaning to us. Christ died UNTO sin: "So sin shall not have dominion OVER you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Christ died to break the power of sin in our everyday life which means that sin does not have the power to dominate our lives as it does with non-believers.

When Christ died UNTO sin, in His omniscience, He knew that one day you and I would trust in His name, and because we would one day believe in Him we are IN Christ. We were in Christ even at the time that He went to the Cross, just as every member of the human race is always born IN Adam because He was our original forefather. That is why Paul was able to say: "I have BEEN crucified with Christ," I WAS crucified with Christ, I died with Him, and my old sin nature died at the point that Christ died on the Cross.

Praise God that Christ not only died FOR our sins, but He died UNTO sin so that the power of sin has been broken in our lives. We still have freewill and can allow sin to dominate if and when we choose. Let us not choose to allow sin to dominate our lives. Rather, let us choose to let Christ live in us and through us, to His praise and glory. (Resource: dailyverse.knowing-Jesus.com).



KEY VERSE

Romans 6:14 (NKJV)

"For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under the law, but under grace."

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 6:1-15

Introduction

- 1. In Romans 6:1-15 we learn that we have been "set free" from sin and are no longer bound by "the law." *How* and by *Who* 's power was this achieved?
- 2. Romans 6:6 tells us *"that our old man was crucified with Him"* and we *"should no longer be slaves to sin."* Does your daily "walk" reflect this?
- 3. In paragraph 4 on pg.1, describe the "secondary meaning" of the Cross?

Tuesday: Romans 6:1-10; II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20

Understand You Are Free From The Power Of Sin

- 4. II Corinthians 5:17 states "*if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.*" How have YOU become a "new creation" by coming to Christ?
- 5. In Romans 6:3-5 Paul illustrates our position in Christ through baptism. How would YOU describe verse 5 to a new believer"?
- 6. Referencing Galatians 2:20, how do YOU "live by faith in the Son of God"?

Wednesday: Hebrews 11:6 ; I John 4:4

Believe You Are Free From The Power Of Sin

- 7. What lesson is Hebrews 11:6 teaching to "those who diligently seek Him"?
- 8. I John 4:4 teaches us that He who is in us "*is greater than he who is in the world*." "*Who* is the verse referring to as "*he who is in the world*?

Thursday: Romans 6:12; Romans 13:14; James 4:7

Act As You Are Free From The Power Of Sin

- 9. Romans 6:12 gives us a clear message, I dare say "command" regarding letting sin reign over our mortal body. Have you taken this verse *to heart*?
- 10. How do YOU try to "make no provision for the flesh," (Romans 13:14)?
- 11. James 4:7 gives us some very good advice regarding overcoming sin. What are these "two pieces" of advice and what will result if they are followed?

Friday: Romans 6:13-14; Titus 2:11-12

Realize You Must Yield Fully To God

- 12. Are YOU "walking" as an "instrument of righteousness" (Romans 6:13)?
- 13. In Titus 2:11-12 believers are called to deny *ungodliness* and *worldly lusts* and to live *righteously*. What biblical practices help you to achieve this?