

THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

“Jason Helopoulos, of the Gospel Coalition says, ‘One of my favorite chapters in the Bible is Romans 6. I heard Romans 6 explained for the first time in a seminary classroom. The professor walked us through this chapter and as he did a true joy and peace began to occupy my heart and mind. The truth that was opened to me that day was that I am not only free from the guilt of sin, but also its reign and power. Paul uses “regal” language in Romans 6 (i.e. dominion, reign, under, etc.). In so doing, he personifies sin as if it was a king sitting upon the throne. What struck me that day is that where sin once sat on the throne of my heart and life, grace now sits. In Christ, sin is no longer my sovereign. It is no longer my master. I am no longer a slave to sin having to obey its every enticement and command. I have been set free . . .’

When we think about the gospel, speak of proclaiming the gospel, and encourage one another in the gospel, we need to remember the gospel proclaims that we are set free from sin **in Christ**—free from its guilt, its reign, and its power. "—Pastor Justin

Romans 6:1-7

The New Life in Christ

6 What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? ² Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, ⁷ since a person who has died is freed from sin.

1. What insights does this text provide about me?
2. What insights does this text provide about God?
3. What action/response does this text motivate me to take?
4. What can we thank God for as we pray together?