

Study Questions for Sermon on Romans 6:12-14

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1. Review by reading Romans 6:1-11. What is the main wrong view that Paul is addressing in v. 1-2. What does he want us to know in vs. 3-4? NOTE: God is not OK with our sin and it is never OK with Him for us to not repent but instead continue in it.
2. Because we are united to Christ we are credited with having died towards sin and are risen with Christ and alive to God. What does 6:11 tell us to do in light of this?
3. What does 6:12 command us to do? What specifically are we NOT to obey? NOTE: the word 'lusts' or 'desires' in v. 12 mean strong desires to have. They are not necessarily evil desires but yearnings for something that is put before God's will.
4. This verse is indicating that we are responsible to resist sin, to fight against it in our own hearts. What does this imply Christians can fail to do regarding their sin? What does 6:1 indicate their wrong attitude was regarding sin? Why do you think God wants us to know we must resist sin?
5. What does 1 Peter 1:9,11 tell us about our responsibility regarding our sin?
6. In 6:12, Paul says the battle ground to stop sinning is to stop 'obeying' our desires. That means, regarding them as our god, as that which we should follow, rather than the Bible. This view has been described as "expressive individualism." How does our culture reflect this? How does this differ from what Jesus says in Luke 14:23?
7. How can you tell if you have been following the worldview of 'expressive individualism' instead of the Bible? Are there areas that you are being tempted to not follow the Bible but instead your own desires and impulses?
8. In the following passages, what does God tell us about those who follow their own desires instead of God's word?
 - a. Proverbs 14:12
 - b. Philippians 3:18-19
 - c. 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 - d. 2 Timothy 4:2-3
9. What does Romans 6:13 tell us about our bodies? Which parts are OK to use for sin?
10. What is the effect of our body being used to sin? NOTE: 'instruments' is a Greek word most commonly used to refer to a weapon that can do damage, even kill others. In light of, this what does he say about the effects the wrong and right use of our body can have on others?
11. 6:13 tells us to not 'present' ourselves to sin but instead to God. The word meant "to stand beside, to be available for duty, at one's disposal" What does this indicate Christians must be doing instead of simply resisting sin? How does Jesus describe this in Matthew 11:28-30?
12. Romans 6:14 gives the final reason WHY Christians should NOT be OK with not repenting of sin (6:1-2); should NOT be ok with presenting themselves to sin instead of God. What is the reason?
13. If we are not under law but under grace, what does that mean we have as a means to help us not sin? NOTE: "grace" means God's help or favor. How does it affect you

knowing God is favorable towards you and has provided His help (through the Holy Spirit) to overcome sin?

14. What has the Lord shown you through your study of Romans 6:12-14? What does He want you to do? To stop doing? Go to Him in prayer regarding this.