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**Unit III: Liberating Letters**

**Subject: Freed from the Past**

**Text: Romans 6: 1 - 14**

**Key Verse: “If we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection (Romans 6: 5, KJV).”**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) New Walk - Purpose (Romans 6: 1 - 4)
- 2) New Life - Proclamation (Romans 6: 5 - 9)
- 3) New Power – Persuasion (Romans 6: 10 – 14)

**Introduction**

A parent’s joy of raising their children can be and is a tremendous blessing from GOD. Now, we do know that not all children are without making mistakes. They are human and young, they will on occasionally disappoint, frustrate, break their promises, and even disobey. With all children and humans whatever is done in the dark will come to the light. You see, a loving parent disciplines their children to teach them right from wrong. Although the punishment or correction sometimes are necessary, but when it is completed, the relationship with the parent and child does not remain focused on the error of the child. As a parent, we know that teachable moments bring forth purposeful change and correction, then the moment passed. Regardless of the age of the individual, it is liberating to know that they will not be held in guilt or suspicion for one’s past mistakes. You see, The LORD disciplines us because HE loves us, “For whom the LORD loveth he chasteneth (Hebrew 12: 6).” The LORD will always bless us with another chance to get it right when we make a mistake. Our compassionate LORD does not hold our mistakes against us, but instead, HE throws our sins in the deep sea of forgetfulness. Micah 7: 19 says, “He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”

**Lesson Pointers**

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- New Walk – Purpose (Romans 6: 1 – 4).

The main thought of this chapter is that of the free, gift of grace from the LORD is sufficient to cover every sin problem. So, as sin increase in our lives, so does the love and grace of the LORD increase to cover and completely, eliminate our sin (Read Romans 5: 20 – 21). Now, concerning the redeemed believer’s response to the LORD’S grace in the form of a question, Paul made his point (Romans 6: 1). Having received grace from the LORD should we over and over and willingly continue in sin? The Bible tells us clearly, “GOD forbid (KJV) or “By no means!” (NIV). Tell me, why would a sinner, who had been separated and freed from sin, deliberately continue to sin? This is the question that Paul is asking to the modern-day church as she strives to be relevant to this new generation. So, if the LORD has delivered you from your sin problem, why would you want to continue in that sin (Romans 6: 2). Paul, says that those who chose to live in sin, he questioned their knowledge of baptism in Jesus Christ (Romans 6: 3).

When we are baptized, we as believers identifies with Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for the remission of our sins. We are raised from the water to new life in the Spirit (Romans 6: 4). So, the question remains, why would one tarnish their new life and purpose by continuing in their sin from which they have just been delivered?

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### **Lesson Pointer # 2**

- **New Life – Proclamation (Romans 6: 5 – 9).**

Paul continues to build on the believer's new life and purpose by confirming that the results from being united with Jesus Christ through identifying with HIS death and resurrection (Romans 6: 5). It is by faith, that we know that our old nature was crucified and put to death, and that our new life is birthed and resurrected with Jesus Christ. Now, as new creations in Jesus Christ, we as believer's are made free from sin and the stronghold it once held over us. We are made free to live for the LORD and not to fall back into serving and satisfying our sinful lusts and desires (Romans 6: 6). When believers crucify their carnal desires and submit to Jesus Christ, they are freed from their sin (Romans 6: 7). Submitting to Jesus Christ means welcoming HIM as your personal LORD and Savior (Read John 1: 29). Do know, that the believer's faith in Jesus Christ gives them confident and hope that since we are crucified and dead with Jesus Christ, then we shall also be raised with Jesus Christ (Romans 6: 8). This newfound knowledge of Jesus Christ's resurrection and conquering of death inspires us in this new life freed from sin and death to proclaim HIM (Jesus Christ) to others as our LORD and Savior. Jesus Christ lives and will not die again. He conquered death once and for all to die no more, that we may live eternally with the LORD Jesus Christ.

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### **Lesson Pointer # 3**

- **New Power – Persuasion (Romans 6: 10 – 14)**

Jesus Christ death was the complete payment for sin and was needed only once because Jesus Christ's sinless life made Him the perfect sacrifice (Romans 6: 10). Yes, Jesus Christ did die, but HE was raised to life again and lives and dwells forever in perfect harmony with GOD the Father. As believers we should count ourselves free from sin and alive to walk with Jesus Christ in the newness of life (Romans 6: 11). Now, we are to choose to resist our old habits, thoughts, and desires that tempts us to sin (Romans 6: 12). With the power and authority of the Holy Spirit, we as believers should not allow our bodies to be used for wickedness but to present our whole beings to the LORD GOD to be used as righteousness and to the purpose of Jesus Christ (Romans 6: 13). So, having been delivered from spiritual death by the grace of the LORD, we no longer are slaves to sin nor to the burden of the law (Romans 6: 14). By the grace of the LORD, we have the power to use our gifts to draw others to a new, free life in Jesus Christ.

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### **Lesson Nuggets**

- 1) When we are baptized, we identify with Jesus Christ death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6: 4; Colossians 2: 12)
- 2) Submitting to Jesus Christ means welcoming HIM as your personal LORD and Savior (John 1: 29)
- 3) Jesus Christ's sinless life made HIM the perfect sacrifice (Romans 6: 10).