

FREEDOM FROM SIN

Romans 6:1-23
Key Verse: 6:5,6

Lesson 6

* BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH (6:1-10)

1. Where does the question in 6:1 come from? What is in the mind of a person who raises this question? What is the answer? What fundamental change takes place in a person when he becomes a Christian?
2. How does the baptism of the Holy Spirit consummate this change? (See also John 3:3; 1Pe 1:3; 2Co 5:17) What does it mean to be baptized into Jesus' death? (See Mk 10:38,39; Gal 2:20)
3. How does Christ's death and resurrection set us free from the power and guilt of sin?

* INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (11-14)

4. Is our battle with sin over when we are born again? How can we get rid of the desire to sin?
5. Notice the dos and don'ts in these verses. What can we learn here about the nature of the Christian's warfare?
6. In what respect is the Christian life more than just avoiding committing moral sins? Think about the positive warfare?

* SERVANTS OF GOD (15-23)

7. What is in the mind of the person who asks the question in verse 15? What determines a person's real master? (15-18)
8. What does it mean to "wholeheartedly obey the form of teaching to which you were entrusted?" (17)
9. In what respect is the life of slavery to righteousness (God) a process of growing? What is the outcome of the process? ("leading to holiness" = "sanctification" in RSV)
10. What can we learn here about the downward progression of the life of slavery to sin? (19,21,23) Why is death call "wages"? Eternal life a "gift"?