

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

ROMANS 6:15-22

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: When you trusted Christ, you were justified by faith and God declared you righteous, forgiven, not guilty, and free from condemnation. You are identified as being part of Christ's crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. Roman 6 has another message that also changes everything about your life. Remember to personalize this lesson.

WITH LIBERATION FROM SIN AND IT'S SLAVERY. In Christ's death you died to sin and sin no longer has mastery over you. Now, if you sin, you sin by the power of your own will, and you are not living by grace. (**Romans 6:14-18, fn 6:14, 15, Romans 6:6, 7, fn 6:6, Romans 6:11, fn 6:11, Ephesians 4:22-24, fn 4:22-24, Titus 2:11-14, fn 2:11-14**) *How could knowing that sin does not have mastery over you help you in your relationship with Jesus?*

TO WHOLLY PURSUE GOD. When you were formerly a slave to sin, its grip on you escalated more and more. Now, by your daily presenting (drawing close or offering) yourself to God, the Holy Spirit enables you more and more to experience the presence of Jesus. (**Romans 6:19, Hebrews 10:19-23, fn 10:22-25, Philippians 3:7-10, fn 3:9, 10, Psalms 63:1-8, fn 63:1-5, Jeremiah 31:3, fn 31:3, John 6:35-37, fn 6:35, Matthew 6:5-8, fn 6:5, 6**) *What would you need to change to daily pursue God for at least one hour or even 30 minutes?*

FOR TRANSFORMATION OF YOUR LIFE. The result of your pursuit of God is a changed life that is more and more like Christ. As you come to see yourself as a slave of God and identify yourself with Christ, crucified and resurrected, Jesus and His holiness will be revealed in your life. (**Romans 6:20-22, II Corinthians 3:18, fn 3:18, Philippians 1:6, fn 1:6[1st], fn 1:6[2nd], Romans 8:29, fn 8:29, I John 3:1-3, fn 3:2, 3**) *How does transformation of your life change everything?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshipping together.