

TO LEAVE THE OLD SLAVE MASTER

AN OVERVIEW OF ROMANS 6

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

BACKGROUND: In **Romans 1-5** you have seen that when you trusted Christ, you were justified by faith, and God declared you righteous, forgiven, not guilty, and free from condemnation, In **Romans 6** you are identified as taking part in Christ's crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. **Romans 6:11** is the key verse, and **Romans 6:12-23** is your message for application. Remember to personalize each preparation.

KNOW YOUR FAITH. "Keep em ignorant. You keep em in the fields." Chuck Swindoll, Grace Awakening, p. 95. Swindoll explains that with this tactic, the old slave masters kept their former slaves in new bondage on the plantations after the Emancipation Proclamation. Before acceptance of Christ as our Savior, we too were slaves. Now in Christ we are free, but our lack of knowledge keeps us in a new kind of "bondage." (**Romans 6:1-10, fn 6:5ff**) *How could lack of knowledge create bondage for you as a believer?*

COUNT YOUR FAITH. In Romans 6:11 you, by faith, understand that what is true of the Lord Jesus Christ is also true of you. You are to reckon this truth not as something you want to be true, but as something that is already true. D. M. Lloyd Jones, Romans, Chapter 6, pp. 118, 120. (**Romans 6:11, fn 6:11**) *What are you told to do in Romans 6:11?*

OFFER YOUR FAITH. The shackles of sin are broken as you allow God's grace to work in you and you take time daily to present (offer) yourself to God. You will be transformed more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. (**Romans 6:12-23, fn 6:19-22**) *Why is knowledge important but transformation into the image of Christ more important?*

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