

Consider Yourself
to Be What You Are
Romans 6:1-14

Three Steps in Sanctification

1) When Christ died, believers in some crucial sense died with him, and dead people don't sin.

Read Romans 6:5-6,8

2) When Christ rose, believers in some crucial sense were made alive in him.

Read: Romans 6:4b-5

3) Therefore, believers are commanded to become in practice what we are in Christ: dead to sin and alive to God (Romans 6:11,13).

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8 Aspects of Warfare Against Sin

- 1) There is a reign that is being contested.
Therefore do not let sin reign ... (6:12)
- 2) There is a challenger to this throne, a revolutionary, a rebel who wants to take over the kingdom - SIN.
Therefore do not let sin reign ... (6:12).
- 3) Our body is the town and castle under attack by the challenger to the throne.
Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body ... (6:12)

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- 4) There are servants in the castle who may become deceptive secret agents of the rebel leader and use their servant role to seduce and capture parts of the castle.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

- 5) Incremental surrender is possible.

- 6) There are weapons in the castle that may be captured and turned around and used by the enemy for his unrighteousness purposes.

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin ... (6:13a)

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- 7) God is the true king over the realm (13b).
... but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. (6:13b)
- 8) Finally, there is the constitutional authority of the kingdom, which is grace, not law.
For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. (6:14)

6 Strategies to Focus on While Fighting Sin

Strategy #1: in the battle with sin is that Christ died for our sin. - Romans 3:25, 5:8-9

Strategy #2: is that when Christ died and rose again, we died and rose again. - Romans 6:6,8;
Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:24; Galatians 6:14;

Strategy #3: God united us with Christ by faith. -
Romans 1:17

Strategy #4: God justified us by this faith because we are united with Christ. - *2 Corinthians 5:21*

Strategy #5: Consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to live for the glory of God. - Romans 6:11.

Strategy #6: Say no to sin by preferring God over sin.