1. Let’s return to Romans 6:2 and go into some detail concerning this first reason Paul gave for, “Why live holy?”

“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

A. The old sin nature that we were born with was crucified, dead, and buried; we were born again with a brand-new righteous nature.

B. The old nature that expressed itself through sin is now gone.

C. A new nature, which desires to express itself through holy living, has now taken its place.

2. Romans 6:3 refers to how the Holy Spirit supernaturally places us into the body of Christ the instant we’re born again.

“How ye know, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” (Rom. 6:3).

A. We participated in Jesus’ death when the Holy Spirit placed us in Christ and made the things that He died to accomplish a reality in our lives.

“Therefore we are buried with him [Jesus] by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been [past tense] planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this” (Rom. 6:4-6, brackets mine).

B. In other words, every Christian has participated in the death of their old man through Jesus, but we haven’t all participated yet in His resurrection life, which is a byproduct of being placed in His body, because we must know this:

“That our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:6).

3. We are now dead to sin.

A. Only two times in all the book of Romans is sin referred to as an action:

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins [actions of sin] that are past, through the forbearance of God” (Rom. 3:25, brackets mine).
“What then? shall we sin [commit actions of sin], because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid” (Rom. 6:15, brackets mine).

B. But in the rest of Romans, the word “sin” and all its other English forms (sins, sinned, sinner, and sinners) were translated from a Greek noun.

C. In all the book of Romans, other than the verses in 3:25 and 6:15, Paul was referring to the driving force that compelled us to sin (our old sin nature), not individual acts of sin.

D. Through Adam, sin entered into the world—not actions of sin but the sin nature.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12).

“We all…were by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:3, emphasis mine).

“Ye [non-believers] are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do” (John 8:44, brackets mine).

E. What makes non-believers commit actions of sin is the fact that they have a sin nature.

4. Through Jesus Christ, God went to the very root of sin—our sin nature—and dealt with it.

A. When Jesus died on the cross, He didn’t only take our physical actions of sin, but He also took the very root of sin—our sin nature—upon Himself.

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).

B. Jesus literally and completely put it to death and was resurrected from the dead with a brand-new life, which is no longer corrupted or susceptible to sin.

C. Since this brand-new life doesn’t have that propensity, drive, or constant motivation for sin in it, the actions of sin have no more dominion or place in His life.

“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this” (Rom. 6:5-6).

D. Through Christ, we also are dead with Him unto sin, and we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection when we know this:

“That our old man [the old sin nature] is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin” (Rom. 6:6-7, brackets mine).
5. Your natural mind is similar to a computer.

A. Before being born again, your old nature—reinforced by everything in this world system—taught you how to think selfishly, how to operate in anger, bitterness, fear, unbelief, and in a number of other fleshly ways.

B. Until your mind is renewed, you’ll continue functioning the way you were previously programmed.

C. Once you know this—that your old man is crucified and dead—then the body of sin (the programming in your unrenewed mind that it left behind) can be destroyed, that henceforth you should not serve sin.

6. All born-again believers in Jesus Christ have been freed from the dominion of their old sin nature.

“For he that is dead is freed from sin” (Rom. 6:7).

A. Does that mean that we’re going to walk free?

B. That depends on how much we know.
Dead to Sin
LESSON 7 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 6:2, what is the first reason for, “Why live holy?”

2. What does Romans 6:3 ask us if we know?

3. According to Hebrews 6:2, is there more than one New Testament baptism?

4. Is 1 Corinthians 12:13 speaking of a believer being baptized in water or a believer being baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ?

5. According to Romans 6:4, we are buried with Christ by baptism into what?

6. Just like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should what?

7. According to Romans 6:5, if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also how?

8. According to Romans 6:6, what must we know in order to manifest the likeness of His resurrection?

9. What happens when the body of sin is destroyed?

10. Only two times in all the book of Romans is sin referred to as an action—Romans 3:25 and 6:15. Everywhere else in Romans, sin and all its English forms (sins, sinned, sinner, and sinners) were all translated from a Greek what?
    A. Verb.
    B. Noun.

11. According to Romans 5:12, what was passed upon all men because all have sin (the noun sin—our sin nature)?

12. What does Ephesians 2:3 reveal about our nature before we were born again?

13. John 8:44 says that our father was whom?

14. According to 2 Corinthians 5:21, Jesus was made what for us?

15. Had He known sin before that?

16. What was His purpose in doing this?

17. According to Romans 6:7, we who are dead are what?
“God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?” (Rom. 6:2-3).

“Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment” (Heb. 6:1-2).

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:13).

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin” (Rom. 6:4-7).

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“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12).

“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:3).

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44).

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor. 5:21).