

**WHEN IN ROME VI
YOU'RE DEAD TO ME
ROMANS 6:5-11**
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Dead to sin, alive to God.

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For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Overarching context: Salvation brings a new relationship with sin and God. Once saved, we are dead to sin and alive to God.

“And the more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.” – G. K. Chesterton

- The Gospel makes it possible to think differently about your life because with Jesus all things are new – 6:11 *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
 - What does this look like? How do you “*consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus*”?
 - ‘*Consider*’ – to determine by mathematical process, *reckon, calculate*.¹

- When you add everything up (and leave nothing out)
 - 4:3
 - 4:4
 - 4:5
 - 4:8
 - 4:9
 - 4:10
 - 4:11
 - 4:22
 - 4:23
- In every instance in Romans 4, God is doing the considering, calculating, reasoning.
- God has already finished the accounting. You are free and in the clear because of Jesus' work on your behalf that you received through faith and trust in Him.
- Therefore, when you think about your life, think God's thoughts. Think accurately. Think "Christianly."

What Jesus has made possible

- Does not hold us at arm's length – 6:5 *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*
- Frees us from the power of sin by a greater power than sin – 6:6 *We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*
- Gives us a new starting point – 6:7-8 *For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.*
- Shapes a new goal of living – 6:9-10 *We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.*
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How do we practically live out considering ourselves dead to sin and alive to Jesus Christ?

- 1) Soak in the Scripture at home: Think truth. Think God's thoughts.
- 2) Show up with the Team: Maximize your weekend by prioritizing Sunday morning with your faith family.
- 3) Surround yourself with people who think Christianly.
- 4) Seek to reach those far from God.

¹ William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 597.