



Week 3

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 6:1-7

This weeks reading challenge:

- Time for a refresher! Read all of Romans chapters 1 thru 6:7
- Read the focus scripture, 6:1-7, several times.

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 6:2

Study and Reflection

Day 1: In the first verse of Romans six, Paul identifies a temptation many believers face... to use God's grace as cover for continuing in sinful patterns. How have you been tempted in this way?

What are reasons a believer, having been forgiven and experienced (at least initially) freedom from sin and it's consequences, be tempted to return to these patterns? How do we guard our heart against this temptation?

Day 2: Read Romans 6:2-7, and Colossians 3:3. What is so significant about the concept that the believer in Jesus has 'died' to sin? This is a tremendously important truth for Christian doctrine. Why is the truth that we 'died' to sin so much greater than knowledge of moral law that commands us not to sin?

Day 3: Read Romans 6:6-7. Here Paul proclaims that we are no longer slaves to sin- that we have been set free from sin! Is this your life experience as a believer? How do we appropriate and come to experience this promise as an increasing reality in our lives?

In the second half of verse six, Paul states that because we were 'crucified with Christ', that our 'body of sin', might be 'done away with'. The phrase 'done away with' is also translated 'rendered powerless'. Consider these questions:

- Write out your own description of what it means to be 'crucified with Christ'. Read Galatians 2:20.
- What is the 'body of sin' Paul refers to?
- How does a believer experience the power of sin being 'rendered powerless' in our daily lives?