

SUPERNATURAL LIVING IN A SECULAR WORLD

Dying to Live
Romans 6:1–14



LET'S BEGIN HERE

In the first five chapters of Romans, Paul laid the groundwork for the rest of his letter. He established six all-important facts:

- All humanity is depraved—we've "fallen short" of God's holiness.
- All humanity is under the penalty of sin—separated from God.
- Instead of abandoning us, God provided a rescue for us.
- God's "rescue operation" was accomplished at the cross of Christ.
- When we believe in Jesus' death and resurrection, He "justifies" us.
- As a result, we are no longer under sin's penalty or domination.

The next big issue is this: How can salvation from the *power* of sin become a reality? Being "saved by grace apart from works" is one thing, but being able to walk by grace . . . that's quite another. How can we now live victoriously? What must take place in order for us to live free from sin's control?



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1. A Vital Change in Management (Romans 6:1–2)

Many Christians fail to embrace the liberty they have in Christ who set them free from sin. They live like slaves of sin instead of servants of God.

2. Some Essential Changes in Operation (Romans 6:3–13)

To embrace their freedom from sin, believers must know their identification with Christ.

- What we need to *know* (Romans 6:3–10). To embrace freedom from sin, believers must know their identification with Christ.



Quotable

*If Christ lives
in you, you no
longer have to live
your life as though
you're a victim
of your inner urges
and old nature.*

— Charles R. Swindoll



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- What we need to *consider* (Romans 6:11–12). To embrace freedom from sin, believers ought to consider themselves as dead to sin and alive to God.
- What we need to *present* (6:13). To embrace freedom from sin, believers should present themselves to God as alive from the dead.



GETTING TO THE ROOT

“May It Never Be!”

In Romans 6:2, Paul employed a phrase that reflects one of the strongest negative exclamations available to him in the Greek language: *me genoito!* The words often express a shock or abhorrence of the things being rejected; in Romans 6:2, they are translated into English as “May it never be!” The phrase is used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament in Genesis 44:7 when Joseph’s brothers responded to being falsely accused of stealing the silver cup from Joseph’s table: “Far be it from your servants!” Similarly, Paul was utterly appalled at the idea that true Christians would dare use God’s promise of forgiveness as a license to sin.

3. The Crucial Change in Our Will (Romans 6:14)

In light of Romans 6:1–14, most of us need to change our thinking about how to live the Christian life in two realms of liberty:

- Free from the rule of the Law
- Free from the power of sin



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LET'S LIVE IT

We are no longer slaves to sin! We must train ourselves to change our will—reminding ourselves that we're *free*, and telling ourselves that we're under God's *grace*.

How does a person “present” himself or herself to God today? What are some real, concrete ways of expressing your desire to offer yourself to God as alive from the dead?



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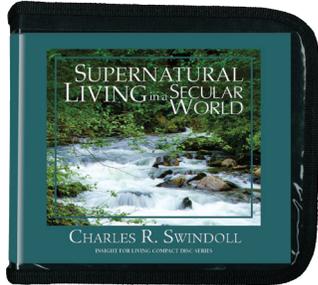
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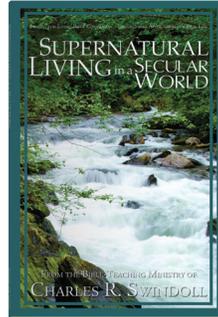
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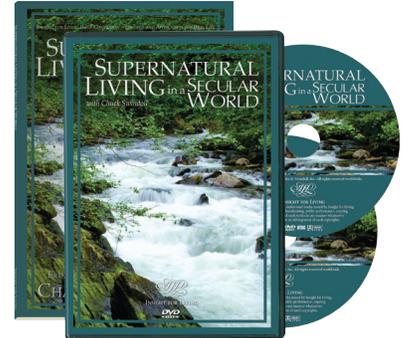
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