



Lesson 5
"Dying To Live"
Romans 6

During a court session, an attorney will often rise to his feet and say, "Your Honor, I object!" Some of the Roman Christians must have felt like objecting as they heard Paul's letter being read, and Paul seemed to anticipate their thinking. In Romans 6–8 Paul defended his doctrine of justification by faith. He anticipated three objections: (1) "If God's grace abounds when we sin, then let's continue sinning so we might experience more grace" (Rom. 6:1–14); (2) "If we are no longer under the Law, then we are free to live as we please" (Rom. 6:15–7:6); and (3) "You have made God's Law sinful" (Rom. 7:7–25).

These objections prove that the readers did not understand either Law or grace. They were going to extremes: legalism on the one hand and license on the other. So as Paul defended justification he also explained sanctification. He told how we can live lives of *victory* (Rom. 6), *liberty* (Rom. 7), and *security* (Rom. 8). He explained our relationship to the flesh, the Law, and the Holy Spirit. In Romans 6, Paul gave three instructions for attaining victory over sin.

Know 6:1-10

1. He is _____ to sin 6:1-5
2. He should not _____ sin 6:6-10

Reckon 6:11

1. To reckon means "to put to one's _____."
2. Reckoning is not claiming a promise but _____ upon one.
3. Know centers on the mind but to reckon centers on the _____.

Yield 6:12-23

1. The third instruction focuses on the _____.
2. How we are to yield: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
3. Why we are to yield: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____