



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**NextStep, Message #5:**  
***"Your Next Spiritual Step: Your Identity"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**

**Romans 6:1-14; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 and selected passages**

1. Does sinning more increase God's grace (*Romans 6:1*)? What was Paul's response (*Romans 6:2*)? What does it mean to "die to sin" (cf. *2 Corinthians 5:14*) and what implications does this have for how we live (*Colossians 3:3-5; 1 Peter 2:24*)?
2. What does it mean to be "baptized into Christ Jesus" (*Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27*)? Does this refer to physical baptism or something else? What connection does this baptism have with death and being raised (*Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12*)?
3. Have you have been "crucified" with Christ (*Romans 6:6; Galatians 2:20*)? What are the results of this "crucifixion" (*Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10*)? If we are freed from sin (*Romans 6:7*), why do we still struggle so much?
4. What connection does the resurrection of Jesus Christ have to how we live our lives (*Romans 6:10-11*)? How has Christ's resurrection has given us a glorious hope not only in the future, but also the present (*1 Corinthians 15:19-22; 2 Corinthians 5:15*)?

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5. What does it mean to let sin “reign in your mortal body” (*Romans 6:12*)? How do you do this in your own life? Do you have others in your life who can encourage and pray for you in these areas (*Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 10:24*)?

6. What is the difference between presenting/offering the parts of our bodies and presenting ourselves to God? What might it look like for us to present our bodies as well as ourselves to Him as instruments of righteousness (*Romans 6:13; 12:1-2*)?

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7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** Does your identification with Christ (*2 Corinthians 5:17*) impact how you grow closer to Him? Write a list of areas where you struggle and ask God to grant you a victorious mindset rather than a defeated one.

**Memory Verse:**

**“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”**

**(Romans 6:11, NIV)**

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