THE EXIT AND ENTRANCE

According to Paul, there are two realities: the reality created by Adam, and the reality created by Jesus (Romans 5:12–21). Adam’s reality is under the reign of sin and death and is filled with condemnation (Romans 5:18, 21). Jesus’ reality is filled with righteousness, grace, and eternal life (Romans 5:21).

Romans 6 tells us how to exit the reality of sin and death created by Adam and how to enter into the reality of righteousness and life Jesus created. According to Paul, baptism is the way we leave the reality created by Adam and immerse ourselves in a new reality created by Jesus.

When we are baptized, we are baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3). This includes being united to Christ’s death and resurrection (Romans 6:5). When we are baptized, we are to consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God (Romans 6:11). We have left the old reality of Adam and are freed from sin (Romans 6:7) and liberated from the dominion of death (Romans 6:9). In the new reality created by Jesus, we can bear fruit to holiness, and in the end, we will enjoy everlasting life (Romans 6:22, 23).

Every exit is also an entrance. Baptism is an exit from the reality of Adam and an entrance into the reality of Jesus. If you are in the world of Adam, Jesus has made a way of escape. Flee now. If you are in the world of Jesus, present yourself to God and enjoy the promise of everlasting life.
Write out Romans 6 from the Bible translation of your choice. If you are pressed for time, write out Romans 6:5–11. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/ phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/ phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse in Romans 6. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How can I walk in the reality Jesus created rather than the reality Adam created?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/rom06-3
After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks overall seem to point to?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

How have you seen your life change since you gave it to Christ?

Read more at www.inversebible.org/rom06-4
What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Matthew 3:1–17
Galatians 2:20
Colossians 2:9–12; 3:1–11
Titus 2:11–14

What other verses/promises come to mind about dying and rising spiritually?

Review your memorized verse from Romans 6.
Where do you see Jesus in Romans 6?

What does it mean to you to be obedient to the “form of doctrine” (Romans 6:17)?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what personal applications are you convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/rom06-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

Since giving your life to Christ, in what ways have you struggled to see authentic change?

What does it mean to you to reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to God? How have you put this into practice in your life?

Are you comfortable with the fact that we are slaves of sin or righteousness?

What does Paul mean when saying to present our members as slaves of righteousness (Rom. 6:19)?

What does “we are free from the dominion of sin because we are not under law but under grace” mean to you?

How does this teaching have any practical value in your life?

How does sin remain in our mortal bodies even though we don’t let it reign (Romans 6:12)?

Dead to Sin!