

**Presenting Ourselves to God**  
A Study of the Book of Romans  
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**Key Truth:** Having been justified by faith in Jesus Christ, we are now under the grace of God who gives us victory over sin.

Too often, Christians live as if sin is still in charge. The moment it barks out an order, we snap to attention. Yet, we're under new management, we have a new King. If we're indeed dead to sin and alive to God—which we are in Christ Jesus—then sin should not be able to order us around. And, when God speaks through his Word, He's the One we need to take our orders from. If you're in Christ, sin is no longer your master. It's time we stop acting as if sin is in charge of our life. As Paul continues his teaching on the superabundant grace of God, both in our justification and in our sanctification, he reminds us to stop letting sin run our life. In short, because God is in charge, we have victory over sin.

## **DISCUSS**

Read **Romans 6:12-19** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **"Presenting Ourselves to God."**

## **DIG IN**

**We have victory over sin because of...**

**1. The Rule of God.** (Romans 6:12-13)

What does Paul mean by "mortal body" (v. 12), and why is it possible in Christ to conquer sin in the mortal body?

In what ways do we tend to listen to (obey, v. 12) our passions?

In what specific ways can we demonstrate that we live under the rule of God?

**2. The Domain of Grace.** (Romans 6:14-16)

Is what Paul says in verse 14 conditional or unconditional? Why?

Why do we tend to dwell under the law ("If I obey, then I'm blessed.") rather than living under grace ("I'm blessed in Christ, therefore I obey.")? (see verses 14-15).

In what ways does living under grace enable us to be trained in righteousness (see Titus 2:11-12)?

**3. The Standard of Righteousness.** (Romans 6:17-19)

If we are free from slavery to sin, does that mean we are no longer slaves (v. 16)? Why or why not?

What is the standard of teaching that we follow (v. 17) and how does that contribute to our sanctification (see John 17:17)?

What are some practical ways we can "report for duty" to God, rather than to sin, the flesh, and the devil?

## **DO**

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?