

offer...

“but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life”

Offering myself to God is “living out” my new life in Christ.
(I choose to give to God—what belongs to Him: me.)

“and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness.”

¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

God has accomplished the essential work to change

- our position before Him,
- our identity as His children and
- our ability to live in His daily grace.



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THE GOSPEL OF GOD

Sin Shall Not Be Your Master

Romans 6:12-14

What has God done—to equip us to live as His people?

He sent His Son—to purchase our forgiveness by His blood. (Rom. 3)

He (in the cross) has changed our deepest “identity.” (Rom. 6)

He gives us Himself—His Spirit—for ability to live. (Rom. 8)

Jesus promised His followers would be more than “believers.”

*“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father,
and you are in me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20)*

Great realities:

1—God sent His Son to die—for our forgiveness.

2—God “unites” those who “believe”—to now be “in Him.”

3—God liberates (“freed”) His people from the “reign” of sin.

Question: ***“Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?”***

Answer: ***“By no means!”***

Reason: ***“We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”***
(6:1-2)

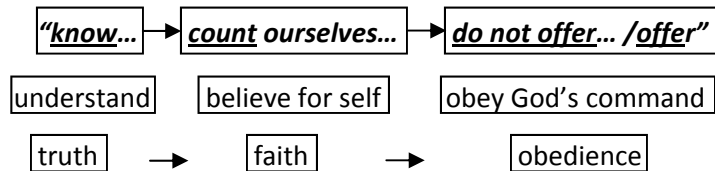
We “died to sin”—when God “united” us with Christ—in His death, burial and resurrection.

- 6:3 “baptized into His death”
- 6:4 “buried with Him”
- 6:5 “united with Him... in His death... in His resurrection”
- 6:6 “our old self was crucified with Him”
- 6:7 “we died with Christ”

God’s plan for changing us:

God has acted—in Christ—to change our true identity.
(We are “united” with Christ in His death and resurrected life.)

We must...



and also
→ be controlled by God’s (powerful) Spirit. (Rom. 8)

“know”

- 6:3-5 God’s (spiritual) truth that we are “united with Him” we were “baptized into” Christ Jesus Himself
- 6:6-7 “our old self” (man) = “dead”
“our body of sin” is brought to powerlessness
- 6:8-10 Christ died to end the rule of death and sin we are “in” Him—in His death and resurrection

“count ourselves...”

¹¹ ***In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

“count yourselves”

- to be dead to the rule and power of sin
- to no longer be under slavery to sin
- to be “alive to God”—having new life—in His eternal life

We “count” as true for ourselves—on the basis of what God has done for us in Christ.

“do not offer...”

¹² ***Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.***

I can now choose to “not let sin reign” in my life.

(I have new ability because of what God has done.)

¹³ ***Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness...***