

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What might you say to someone who said, “It does not matter what I do, God will always forgive me”?

How do you know that God will always forgive you no matter what you do? Is that the attitude that God would want you to have toward Him? If you are a Christian, you should consider yourself dead to sin and not want to live in sin any longer. If you are a Christian, you should seek to live a new life and love God, others, and yourself. If you are a Christian, you should want to obey Jesus as your Lord and Savior according to the Scriptures (He suffered, died, and rose from the dead for you). What are some additional questions or thoughts you might share with them?

2. What are some of the ways Paul made sin seem like a person?

He personified sin. He implied that sin could reign in a mortal body and a person could obey and become a slave to the evil desires of sin (see Romans 6:12, 14, 17, 20). He said sin pays wages (Romans 6:23).

3. Did Paul making sin seem like a person help you better understand sin and your responsibility as a Christian? Explain your answer.

Making sin seem like a person that I might submit to helps me understand that sin is an enemy that I can and should fight. Sin can try to trick me into doing wicked things, so I must become prayerfully wise. I can choose to obey what sin wants me to do or what I know God wants me to do from the Bible, knowing God will help me obey Him.

4. What should be the result when Christians offer themselves to God?

They should offer every part of themselves totally as instruments of righteousness and not allow sin to become their master. They should obey God's Word and become slaves of righteousness instead of sin.

5. What results when Christians offer themselves as slaves of righteousness?

Their decision leads to holiness and the result is eternal life (Romans 6:19, 22, 23).

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