

Grow Group Resources

Sermon Summary: A New Way to Walk - Romans 6:1-11

- This Easter Sunday is a day of celebration. Jesus is alive—the tomb is empty. Through His death on the cross, He paid the full price for our sin, offering us freedom, salvation, reconciliation, hope, and healing. But the story doesn't end at the cross or the grave. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead, and in Him we can have new life.
- Sharley read from John 20 this morning, recounting the resurrection morning when the disciples found the tomb empty, with angels present. Jesus is alive! Billions of Christians around the world celebrate this historical truth today: the grave is empty, and Jesus has risen. But the resurrection is more than a moment in history—it has a powerful impact on our daily lives and human experience.
- To illustrate this, think about walking. We all walk differently—some fast, some slow, some with a bit of swag. I'm a fast walker, probably because as a kid I had to keep up with my mom, who didn't drive. But here's the key point: Jesus walked out of the tomb, and because He did, you can now walk in a new way.
- This idea comes from Romans 6:1-11. Paul asks: "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means!" He explains that all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were buried with Him through baptism into death, "in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).
- Because we are united with Christ in His death, we are also united with Him in His resurrection. Our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be brought to nothing—we are no longer enslaved to sin. The one who has died has been set free from sin. Christ, having been raised, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. He died to sin once for all, and now He lives to God. Therefore, we must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- Because of the resurrection, we can walk in three profound new ways:
 - **Set Free**
 - Sin no longer has to control us. Our old self died with Christ, so we can have victory over sin. Even though Christians still struggle, we can say no to temptation. We can walk light and free, choosing to live in a way that pleases God. Jesus defeated sin and death, and that victory is now available to us.

- **New Identity**

- Your past no longer defines you. Paul says to consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. There has been a fundamental change in who you are. The old has passed away; you are now a new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). No matter what your history, family background, or failures, the resurrection gives you a brand-new identity.

- **Eternal Hope**

- Just as Jesus was raised, we too will be resurrected. Death does not have the final word. Because of the resurrection, our relationship with death has changed. We have a confident hope for the future—eternal life with God. This hope transforms how we live today.
- So how do we actually walk in this new life? It comes through union with Christ. When we put our faith in Jesus and turn from our sin, we are united with Him. Paul uses the picture of baptism: just as candidates will be immersed in water today, we are plunged into union with Christ's death and resurrection. It's also like the vine and branches in John 15—Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. What He accomplished becomes ours when we are joined to Him by faith.
- This morning, there are essentially two groups of people here:
- Those who have already trusted in Jesus: You are living **in between** two resurrections. Spiritually, you have already been made alive in Christ. You now walk in “resurrection life”—a life marked by peace, power, and God's presence. All the promises of freedom, new identity, and eternal hope are yours. Paul's instruction is simple: consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. Remember this daily. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. Walk in the freedom and hope He has purchased for you.
 - Those who have not yet trusted in Jesus are **in need**: You are separated from God because of sin (the wages of sin is death). But today you can respond. The Bible says, “All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). You don't need to clean up your life first, become successful, or attend church long enough. Simply call out to Jesus in faith: “Lord, forgive my sins. I turn from them and trust You as my Savior and the leader of my life.” Make Jesus your Lord and follow Him.
- Jesus walked out of the tomb, and the tomb is still empty. He paid the ultimate price on the cross, then rose to new life. Now you can have that new life too.
- For those who already know Him—keep walking in everything He has given you.
- For those who need Him—take that first step today by trusting in Jesus.

- Discussion Questions

1. Have someone start your discussion time with a word of prayer.
2. Slowly read Romans 6:1-11 out loud. What questions arise as you hear the text? What stands out?
3. The Power of the Resurrection - Pastor Ryan said, “Because Jesus walked out of the tomb, we can now walk in a new way.”
 - A. What does “walking in newness of life” mean to you personally?
 - B. How is this different from just trying harder to be a better person?
 - C. In what ways is it different from the ‘old’ way of living?
4. Freedom from Sin - The sermon highlights that through union with Christ, we are “set free” and sin no longer has to control us (Romans 6:6-7).
 - A. Share an area in your life where you (or people in general) sometimes feel stuck in sin or old habits. What would it look like practically to “walk set free” in that area this week?
5. New Identity in Christ - Pastor Ryan emphasized that our past no longer defines us because we have a new identity in Jesus — we are new creations.
 - A. How does remembering your new identity (“dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus”) change the way you think about yourself or your failures?
6. Eternal Hope - The resurrection gives us a future hope: just as Jesus was raised, we too will be resurrected, and death does not have the final word.
 - A. How does this eternal hope affect the way you face challenges, fear, or even thoughts about death in your daily life?
7. Union with Christ - The sermon explains that all these blessings come through being “united with Christ” by faith — pictured in baptism and the vine/branches relationship (John 15).
 - A. What does being “united with Christ” mean to you? How can we practically stay connected to Jesus so we can experience resurrection life more fully?
8. Personal Response and Application - Ryan closed by giving two groups of people a challenge: For those who already trust Jesus, “Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God,” and keep walking in freedom. For those who haven’t trusted Him yet: Call on the name of the Lord and receive new life.
 - A. Which of these two challenges speaks to you most right now, and what is one practical step you can take this week in response to the sermon?
9. Close your time in prayer.