

**"Three Steps to Victory"
(Romans 6:11-14)**

Our text today provides the first exhortations given in the book of Romans!
It instructs us that we WILL have victorious resurrection living as we. . .

I. Embrace the Truth (11)

• **You Are Dead unto Sin (With Christ)**

"Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin..."

• **You Are Alive unto God (In Christ)**

"...but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord"

II. Exercise Control (12-13)

• **Say "No" to Sin and Unrighteousness (12-13a)**

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin..."

• **Say "Yes" to God and Righteousness (13b)**

"...but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God"

III. Expect Victory (14)

• **Because of God's Promise**

"For sin shall not have dominion over you..."

• **Because of God's Provision**

"...for ye are not under the law, but under grace"

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: This weekend we remember those who died to protect our country. Share a word of appreciation for someone you know who served in the military (or possibly for one who died in combat).

1. Share something from Sunday's study that spoke to you personally – a challenge? an encouragement? a good reminder?
2. If a Christian fully embraced the truth that they are dead to sin and alive to God, what would their life look like?
3. What are some practical ways we can use our bodies to serve and glorify God - with our hands? feet? eyes? ears? mouths? brains?
4. How is being "under the law" different from being "under grace"? Try to explain Romans 6:14 in your own words.

Digging Deeper

1. Romans 6 emphasizes the importance of yielding our bodies to God. What do the following verses teach us about our bodies? – Rom 6:12-13; 8:13, 23; 12:1; Phil 1:20-21; 3:20-21; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 19-20; 9:27 and 1 Thes 4:4. How did Jesus serve with His body? – Heb 10:5, 10 and 1 Pet 2:24.
2. Take a closer look at question #3 above. Jot down some specific ways that you can serve God with your hands, feet, eyes, ears, mouth and brain. Prayerfully submit each of these "members" to the Lord and commit to serve Him in the ways that you have written. For an added blessing, sing the hymn "Take My Life and Let it Be" as a sincere prayer to the Lord every day this week.

For Next Week

Review Romans 6:1-6 over and over to make sure you have it memorized. What are the key principles in these 6 verses? Read Romans 6:15-23 several times and jot down your observations and questions on this passage.