

## ROMANS 6 – DEAD MEN WALKING

Introduction – There is much debate going on today in America over immigration, surveillance, and the lethal use of drones. The issue is: “Who is a citizen?” and “What are their rights and responsibilities?” versus non-citizens. Philippians 3:20-21: *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that allows him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

- A. There is a new exodus from slavery to sin accomplished through Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6:1-10

1. Baptism, as an act of faith, is a real participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus, where we are incorporated into citizenship in the Christ community.
2. Everyone who dies is freed from slavery to sin.

- B. Your perception of your identity determines your behavior.

Romans 6:11-14

We have been transferred from the realm of death into real life through Christ.

- C. No one is an independent operator, nonparticipant, or neutral party in the spiritual reality of life.

Romans 6:15-23

Bob Dylan’s 1979 song entitled “Gotta Serve Somebody”

You may be an ambassador to England or France,  
You may like to gamble, you may like to dance,  
You may be heavyweight champion of the world,  
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls,  
But you’re gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed,  
You’re gonna have to serve somebody.  
Well it may be the devil or it may be the Lord,  
But you’re gonna have to serve somebody.

Conclusion – Because of our rebellion against God we have all been enslaved as captives of Satan. God sent Jesus to rescue us and become our leader/King. This changes our fundamental identity which results in Christ-like behavior and attitudes.

## Discussion Questions

1. How and why did we become slaves to sin?
2. What part does baptism play in our rescue from slavery to sin?
3. What attitude sets us free from our spiritual slavery?
4. What is our new identity?