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- II. Read <u>Romans 6:1-4</u>. What is Paul's argument for not continuing to live in sin? Notice the importance of <u>knowing</u> in this passage. How can spiritual ignorance affect Christians, especially new believers? What role should baptism play in our sanctification?
- III. Read *Romans 6:5-10*. What should we <u>know</u> is true about us according to verse 6? Are we still enslaved by sin? What about habitual sins (vices, habits, addictions)? How can we break their power in our lives? Any examples of this?
- IV. Read <u>Romans 6:11-14</u>. What does it mean to "count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus"? How can we practically offer ourselves to God? Is that when we are saved? Is it daily? More often? And, what does it mean to offer our body parts as instruments of righteousness? Any examples?
- V. Finally, read *Romans 6:15-23*. The word obedience appears frequently in this section. What role does obeying God play in our sanctification? Are we always able to obey God and disregard temptation? (Note *1 Corinthians 10:12-14*) Why do Christians sometimes blatantly disobey God? How can we call believers to obedience without becoming a legalistic church? According to Paul, what are the benefits (pay offs) to disobedience (sin) (verse 21), and obedience (verse 22)?

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