

**Title: Jesus Impacts - Romans 6 1-14**

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Read:

<sup>1-3</sup>So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! <sup>3-5</sup>That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country. <sup>6-11</sup>Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did. <sup>12-</sup>  
<sup>14</sup>That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

Think:

Well that's clear enough. Just because we have this amazing God who is willing to forgive us, it doesn't give us the freedom to do what we want and then say oops. Paul tells us clearly, look when you gave your life to Jesus that's when things changed for you. You have a new life, and that new life is the evidence that Jesus is your King. If you go to school or college tomorrow and swear and bully then what do people see of Jesus in your life? As far as they are concerned, Jesus is nothing special because look how little difference he makes in your life. No Jesus has to impact your daily life. We have this massive banner in our church. It has the hand prints of all the members of our church on it in different colours. The hand prints range from the youngest toddler, to the oldest grandparent, and right across the banner in massive letters are the words "Jesus Impacts." Yes when you go to school or college tomorrow, you can know that you have left your old selfish ways behind you, they are not an issue anymore. You can know that as you make decisions throughout the day, that you can make the right decision because of Jesus. Yes, Jesus impacts you at school, Jesus impacts you at college, Jesus impacts you at home, and Jesus impacts those around you through the way you live your life.

Pray:

Father thank you that Jesus impacted my life, please help me show those around me just how much by the way I live my life. Amen.

Action:

If Jesus impacts you, then why not tell someone about it. I dare you to tell someone how much Jesus impacts you tomorrow.