**Dying Daily**

*Coming to Grips with Our New Identity*

(Romans 6:11-14)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What kind of struggles and confusion do you think a freed slave would have endured after the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation at the end of the Civil War? In what way(s) is this analogous to the reality faced by the Christian? In what way(s) did you/do you struggle to come to grips with what has been done for you at the cross of Calvary? Why?
2. What objection is Paul still addressing at this point in Romans chapter 6? How does verse 11 help to answer that objection? What has Paul said in verses 1-10 that would cause him to begin instructing Christians on how to live? What role does knowledge (knowing what has been done for us in Christ) play in our warfare against sin? Explain what Martin Luther meant when he said the following: “Most necessary is it that we know [the gospel] well, teach it to others, and beat it into their heads continually.”
3. In your own words, explain what Paul is saying in Romans 6:12. What is the Christian’s new relationship to sin? Where is sin still exerting its venomous influence in Christians’ lives (see also Romans 7:18-23)? Read the following verses and explain our role in the process of sanctification: Romans 8:13; 12:1,

1 Corinthians 9:27, Philippians 2:12-13.

1. In your own words, explain the relationship between Paul’s use of the indicatives (promises of what God has done and will do) and the imperatives (what we are to do in light of God’s grace). How should verse 14 impact your efforts to fight sin? What comfort does it offer us (see also Romans 8:28-32, Philippians 1:6)? How would you use Paul’s argument in Romans 6:1-14 to combat the idea that living “under grace” is a call to sinful living (i.e. living as if we have no laws to obey)? In what specific way(s) do you need to relish the gospel more deeply so that your resistance against sin is robust and strong?