

## Inductive Bible Study Questions for Romans 6-8

### Breaking the Power of Cancelled Sin

Inductive Bible study is a method of examining a text and seeking to determine its teaching, meaning, and application through observation and questions designed to help us understand and apply what the text teaches.

Inductive Bible study involves four simple steps you can take on your own or in a group discussion. It will help if you download the sermon notes from Pastor Sam's message on this text and refer to them as you study this passage. <https://www.pbcpowdersville.org/notes>

1. Reading and reflecting on a particular passage of Scripture. Inductive Bible study points us back to the text itself. It will be helpful for you to read this text four or five times in one sitting. Read the text slowly and carefully. If you are in a group, it might be helpful for several group members to read the text aloud.
2. Observation: What does this text say? We must observe what is in the text. Who is speaking? Who is listening or receiving this instruction? What is happening in the passage? What are the key ideas? Are there repeated concepts or terms? Is there information or facts to be understood? Are there commands to be obeyed? What can we learn from the grammar (nouns, verbs, prepositions, tenses, etc.)? Are there doctrinal truths or components of doctrine present in this text? Is there anything that stands out or surprises you?
3. Interpretation: What does this text mean? We must strive to understand what is being said or taught by what we observe in the text. What is the main point of this passage? What are the major ideas presented in this text? What major doctrinal teaching is presented in this text? What are the key spiritual ideas or components advanced in this text? How does this text fit into the larger argument being made in the unit?
4. Application: How should this text affect or change me? What truths must I believe and hold? Are there commands I must obey? Are there attitudes or actions I should put on or put off? What is one step I can and will take this week to reflect what I have learned from this text?

### **Reading the Text Together – Romans 6-8 (look at the thought units)**

*Unit 1: Romans 6:1-14*

*Unit 2: Romans 6:15-23*

*Unit 3: Romans 7:1-25*

*Unit 4: Romans 8:1-30*

*Unit 5: Romans 8:31-39*

### **Observing the text carefully (Keep Romans 6 open before you)**

1. What is the most repeated term in Romans 6?
2. What are the two major questions Paul asks in Romans 6:1, 15?
3. What is the most repeated word in Romans 7?
4. What is the major question Paul asks in Romans 7:7?
5. What is the most repeated term in Romans 8?
6. What is the major question Paul asks in Romans 8:31?

**Interpreting the text thoughtfully** (*Pastor Sam's sermon notes on this passage might provide additional helpful information*)

7. What is the difference between continuing **in**/under sin (6:1) and continuing **to** sin (6:15)?
8. What does Paul remind us happened to us that makes it impossible for us to continue living under sin's rule and dominion (6:2)?
9. When does Paul tell us we "died to sin" 6:3-6)? What do you think he is referring to?
10. Why do some people think it is acceptable to continue practicing certain sins in their lives even after they have been justified (6:15)?
11. What does Paul tell us about the Law in 7:4-6 that helps us understand why it is of no help in the battle against sin?
12. What still remains in me from my old man that attempts to use my body to satisfy its sinful desires (7:14)?

**Applying the text personally** (*ask yourself the tough questions from this text*)

13. What is God's purpose for believers in 6:6 that I need to embrace more fully with the Spirit's help? What sinful behaviors or attitudes from my old life continue to enslave me, and how can I break free from their grip?
14. What are some specific areas where I need to stop presenting my body as an instrument of unrighteousness?
15. What are some specific ways I can present my body as an instrument of righteous behavior before God and others?
16. How have I been tempted to use legalistic measures to curb my sin?
17. What are some specific areas where I have been resisting the Holy Spirit or ignoring His conviction regarding a sin I am holding on to in my life?
18. What does Paul say in 8:31-39 to encourage me and give me hope in my fight against sin?

**Pray this text together as you end your study** (*Here is a sample prayer you can adapt if it is helpful, or you can pray your own prayer*)

*Lord, thank you that by your grace, you took my place on the cross. Thank you that when you died on the cross, I died with you. I am grateful that your death satisfied the Law's righteous penalty on my behalf. I am so grateful that my old self was put to death in your death and that a new me was raised to a new kind of life when I was raised to life with you at your resurrection. Help me to live this new life in ways that are completely oriented to you, for purposes that glorify you, and through words, actions, and attitudes that please you!*

*Lord, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to help me break the power of sin and give me victory over its practice in my life! Please convict me of the sins I need to stop. Please prompt me to adopt the behaviors I need! Thank you for loving me and giving yourself for me. Help me to love you and give myself to you in return!*