



Sabbath School Ministry

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson no.: 07 **11 - 17 Novembre 2017**
Title: **Overcoming Sin**
Key texts: ***Romans 6; 1 John 1:8 – 2:1.***

A. Themes to Explore:

1. Not only are our sins pardoned by Christ's expiation, but in Him we are also liberated from the control of sin.
2. The theme under examination is that of liberation from the control of evil and sanctification. Christ pardons, justifies, transforms and sanctifies (1 Corinthians 6:11); that is Christ offers us not only forgiveness, but also victory over sin.
3. The problem isn't to overcome sin with acts of will power, it is to overcome our 'aloneness' and be in communion with Jesus.
4. Paul underlines the importance of correct teaching (doctrine) that renders us capable of making the right choice.

B. Learning Objectives*

- Know:** Open yourself to the challenge that it is possible to be free from the power of sin: that we can be participants in a new life in Christ.
- Feel:** Rejoice that God has not only obtained for us pardon, but also freedom from the power of sin and evil.
- Do:** Live as having been resurrected with Christ to a new life and walk in communion with Him day by day.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. How can we understand that it is possible to have victory over sin? What is the relationship between salvation and freedom from sin?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. What steps are necessary in order to escape slavery to sin and pass to freedom in Christ from evil?
 - 2b. Read the note taken from Steps to Christ in Monday's lesson. How can we exercise our will towards Christ?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. What steps enable us to maintain our will and thoughts centred on Jesus?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. How can we help each other to make the right choice mentioned by Paul in Romans 6:17?

NOTES:

- * Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).
** To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.
*** The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.