**Walk in Newness of Life**

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**Romans 6:1-10**

**Wednesday Evening**

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4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

**1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?**

Saints, Paul realized that his statements about God’s wonderful kindness to sinners could be interpreted to suggest that people ought to keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more kindness and forgiveness.

**“If God loves to forgive, why not give him more to forgive?”**

would be their erroneous reasoning. Paul answers with an emphatic,

**“Of course not!”**

The availability of God’s mercy must not become an excuse for careless living and moral laxness.

The idea that someone would claim to believe the gospel while planning to continue in sin is preposterous to Paul.

The point of the gospel was not to find an excuse for sin, but to give freedom from sin.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”

**1 John 5:18**

“We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him”

**2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**

Saints, to make his answer clear, Paul introduces a new concept—believers have died to sin.

**How?**

**1. In the legal sense, we died in the sight of God’s judgment.**

**2. In the conversion sense, believing in Christ is dying to sin.**

**3. In the baptismal sense, that burial implies we have died with Christ.**

**4. In the moral sense, sinful desires may be present, but they are mortally wounded.**

**5. In the resurrection sense, we exchange our sinful life for Christ’s resurrection life.**

Paul speaks of this death as fact and concludes, therefore, that believers cannot continue to live in it.

**3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?**

Saints, Baptism is a picture of a spiritual truth. In the very early church, baptism followed a person’s decision to trust in Christ, marking these first-generation believers as followers of Christ, members of the Christian community.

**Acts 2:38-42**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

**Acts 8:37-38**

37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

**Acts 9:17-18**

17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

**Acts 10:44-48**

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Saints, Paul assumes that these Roman believers were baptized at conversion and would vividly recall the experience.

Those who believe in Christ are baptized into him and baptized into his death; in other words, they are baptized to become one with Christ Jesus. As he died, we die to our old, sinful lifestyle, and a new life begins.

Saints, if we think of our old, sinful life as dead and buried, we have a powerful motive to resist sin.

We can consciously choose to treat the desires and temptations of the old nature as if they were dead. Then we can continue to enjoy our wonderful new life with our Lord Jesus.

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**Galatians 3:27**

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ

**Colossians 3:1-4**

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,**

Saints, united literally means, “we have become grown together.” Our baptism painlessly acts out the union that Christ painfully made real.

God’s plan was that in Christ’s death, believers would also die (to sin and to rebellion against God). Dying to sin is a lifelong process.

When we accept Christ and die to our old nature, we begin a life of continually dying to the enticements of the world and living to please the One to whom we belong.

Also as Christ was raised, believers also will be raised from death to eternal life with God. What people do with Christ now will greatly influence what happens to them later.

**1 John 3:2-3**

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

Saints, the old sinful selves describe believers before they trusted Christ, people who were ruled by sin and rebellion.

That old self was crucified with Christ—believers have died the same death as Christ when Christ was crucified.

**Why?**

This was the only way that sin might lose its power in people’s lives, the only way our sinful nature could be set aside so that God’s nature could live through us.

As a result, believers are no longer slaves to sin.

Those who have accepted God’s gracious gift of emancipation will be able to participate fully in a new life of obedience.

As slaves to sin, we are set free by Christ before we can begin to live free. The power and penalty of sin died with Christ on the cross.

We are no longer slaves to our sinful nature; we can choose to live for Christ

**7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.**

Saints, during slavery, freedom was rare except through death. Death brings about a release that cannot be reversed.

In the same way, when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

We are not yet sinless, but sin no longer has control over us.

**8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,**

Saints, with our death to sin, we are free to begin our new life in Christ.

This new life in Christ (this side of physical death) is already the beginning of resurrected living. Getting used to this new life requires that believers exchange old habits and patterns for new ones.

**9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Saints, Jesus experienced physical death and rose from the dead, and he will never die again.

His resurrection was a victory over death, so death no longer has any power over him.

Paul concluded that dying with Christ, then, ends the power of death over us as well.

**10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.**

Saints, Christ died once to defeat sin, emphasizing the finality and completeness of Christ’s work. When Christ groaned from the cross,

**“It is Finished!”**

he knew that the sacrifice was complete, once for all.

**John 19:30**

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

**Hebrews 7:27**

“who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself”

Unlike Christ, we will still fall into sin’s traps now and then; but like Christ who now lives for the glory of God, we can focus on living for God.

God’s great plan was to liberate us from sin’s ruling power. Thus our perspectives, attitudes, relationships, and desires will change,

in light of the incredible events that have taken place on our behalf—death to sin and the ability to come to God and live for him.

Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.”**