

Dead to Sin 2022-02-13

Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

antinomianism = freed by grace from necessity of obeying Law. obey is legalism.

- God's grace frees Christians *from* sin....not *to* sin. Romans 6:1-2

Chapters 1-5 = justification. 6-8 sanctification....Justification 1st moment of sanctification.

- inseparable link between justification/sanctification,....declared righteous/becoming righteous.
 - Justify: forgive/pay sin penalty...IMPUTE righteousness....instant.
 - Sanctification: breaking sin's power....ongoing IMPART righteousness/holiness.
- Justification = legal declaration affecting status, sanctification = miracle affecting daily life.

In union with Jesus Christ, in His death, burial, resurrection...Christian receive new, supernaturally-endowed desire/power to obey God through Holy Spirit baptism. Romans 6:3-4

- Paul *baptism in the name* = water, *baptism into Jesus Christ*= Holy Spirit baptism.....here.
 - Water baptism not save or means unite to Jesus Christ....symbol of union with Jesus
- Union with Jesus Christ through Holy Spirit baptism is decisive break with sin and begin new life with God.

Constant tension: Christian has new and old nature with capability to sin. Romans 6:6-8, 12, Ephesians 4:22-4

- Christian died positionally in Jesus Christ so sin has no jurisdiction/power over us.
- Practically still have old nature so struggle with sin is not over.
 - *has been freed*....died to sin but constantly being freed from sin.
- Christian can't live/remain in continuing sin because not same as used be.
 - God's grace created new man...dead to sin but alive in Jesus Christ.

If we have died with him, we will surely rise with him from dead. *have not will.*

Ephesians 2:1, Romans 6:5, 9-11

- Destruction of power of sin in Christian is permanent because Jesus' resurrection represents His complete/final victory over sin/death....never to die again.

- Jesus' resurrected life is our source to live/walk in newness of life now/future.

Paul hasn't said to do a single thing yet...important to understand what you were, what God has done for you and in you, then what God made you to be before he tells us what to do. Romans 6:3, 6, 9

- *know* who you are.... crucified with Jesus Christ, dead to sin, sin has no dominion over you, new creation raised to new life.
 - not denial, positive/possibility thinking, visualizing.
 - Positional thinking: reason/ behave on basis of who are in Jesus Christ. Mufassa

Right living grows out of right thinking...vs 11 1st imperative in Rome Romans 6:11-13

- *Consider*....continually be convinced of who God made you to be.
 - united to Jesus Christ, power to live resurrected life since you live with Him
 - appealed to mind (know), heart (be convinced), then will.
- In light of who you are, don't act/live like slave to sin!.....Be who you are.
 - In Jesus, exercise the will to say no to sin and yes to God.
 - not just forsake sin; aggressively pursue righteousness.

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- not the person you used to be; never will be again. completely new.
 - Holy Spirit sanctifying power help overcome canceled sin and impart holiness.
- 14a promise not command.....sin is not master over you.