

Romans 6, Sanctification – Dead to Sin

Introduction: "Sanctification" (chaps. 6-8).

These three chapters belong together and should not be studied independently.

Note that **chapter 6 deals with the believer being dead to sin;**

chapter 7, with the believer being dead to the Law;

and chapter 8, with the **believer alive in Spirit-given victory.**

All three chapters are an explanation of the little phrase in 5:17—"reign in life." Chapter 6 tells us how sin no longer reigns over us (6:12); chapter 7 explains how the Law no longer reigns over us (7:1); and chapter 8 explains how the indwelling Spirit gives us life and liberty (8:2-4).

Question: How can I achieve victory over the old nature (the flesh, the body of sin)?

Answer: We get victory over the old nature by realizing that we have been crucified with Christ.

A. **Know your Position** in Christ, 6:1-10

- 1 The believer and the question of license (v.1-2)
 - a. Does grace give a person a free reign to sin? (v.1)
 - b. God forbid! (v.2a)
 - c. Why not? The believer is **dead to sin** (v.2b, Gal.2:20; I Pet.2:24)

- 2 **Know This:** The believer is **Baptized** into Christ (v.3-5; I Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12.)
 - a. **Baptized**, placed into union with Christ.
 - b. Baptized, identified with Christ in death (v.3b, 4a, 5a)
 - c. **Baptized**, identified with Christ in resurrection (v.4c, 5b)
 - 1) Raised by God's glory (v.4b)
 - 2) Purpose: That we should walk in newness of life (v.4b)

- 3 **Know This:** The believer's old man was crucified with Christ (v.6-7)
 - a. To destroy the body of sin (v.6b)
 - b. To enable man to renounce sin (v.6c)
 - c. Illustration: A dead man (v.7)

- 4 **Know This:** The believer lives with Christ—now and forever (v.8-10)
 - a. Christ has conquered death—once for all (v.9)
 - b. Christ now lives forever to God (v.10)

This is THE
Baptism of the
Holy Spirit, - Not
water baptism !!!

Death: separation,
NOT extinction

Position vs.
Practice

B. **Reckon:** Live Out Your Position in Christ, 6:11-13

- 1 He counts himself dead to sin, but alive to God (v.11)
 - a. Dead to sin (v.11a)

- b. Alive to God (v.11b)
- c. Source: Through Christ (v.11c)

- 2 He resists sin (v.12)
 - a. Does not let it reign (v.12a)
 - c. Does not obey its lusts (v.12b)

C. **Yield** your body in accordance to your position(v.13)

- 1. Not to UN-R+ (v.13a)
- 2. But To God (v.13b)
- 3. To be used as an instrument of righteousness (v.13c)

D. **The Believer is Not to Continue in Sin:** He Does Not Have License to Sin, 6:14-23

1 Learn something: Sin shall not dominate the true believer (v.14-15)

- a. Because he is not under law, but under grace (v.14)
- b. Shall he continue to sin? Take license to sin? (v.15)

2 Know something: You can serve only one master, sin or God (v.16)

- a. Do you serve or yield to sin? You shall die (v.16a)
- b. Do you serve or yield to God? You shall live (v.16b)

3 Remember something: Remember your decision—you chose righteousness (v.17-18)

- a. Fact: "You were...but now you have obeyed" (v.17)
- b. Result: Freed from sin, the despotic master (v.18)

4 Do something: Serve God with the same fervor that you served sin (v.19-20)

- a. Your sin furthered more sin—resulted in more and more sin (v.19a)
- b. Now let your righteousness work holiness (v.19b)
- c. You never had such opportunity before (v.20)

5 Question something: What fruit is there in sin? (v.21-22)

6 Consider something: The wages of sin vs. the gift of God, of eternal life (v.23)

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