

Discussion Questions

- 1) Why does Paul ask the question in verse 1? What argument is he expecting from the religious leaders of his day?
- 2) In what ways can people abuse the grace of God? Should we stop preaching grace because people might abuse it?
- 3) What effect has the grace of God had in your life personally?
- 4) What does it mean to die to sin? How is baptism a symbol of this?
- 5) Have you been baptized? Why or why not?
- 6) What are some of the ways that we know we are united with Christ in a death like his?
- 7) If the old man is dead, then why do we still struggle with sin?
- 8) In what ways has our flesh been trained to sin?
- 9) What does it mean to let sin reign in your mortal body?
- 10) Give some practical ways that we can respond to vs. 13
- 11) In what ways is verse 14 a test, a promise, and an encouragement?

Pray for a fresh revelation of our union with Christ in his death and resurrection. Pray for specific areas of sin and ask the Lord to help you to walk in newness of life in those areas.

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Paul's Letter to the Romans **Dead to Sin & Alive to Christ - July 23, 2023**

Key Text: Romans 6:1-14

Vs. 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Vs. 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

Before Christ, you and I were dead _____ our sin, but when we come to Christ, we are dead _____ sin.

Vs. 3-4 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.

Baptism is a picture of being buried with Christ & rising with him.

Baptism is not an _____ in the Christian life; it is Jesus' command for

_____.

You cannot die & rise from the dead without it changing your life.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation. The old has passed away behold the new has come. - 2 Cor 5:17

Vs. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

How do you know if you have been united with Christ in a death like his?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Vs. 6-7 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

"In us, there was nothing even to sicken and to weaken our old man, much less to murder him by crucifixion; God had to do this."
- Richard Lens

See Ephesians 4:24 & Colossians 3:10

Our battle is not with the old man but with the flesh!

The flesh has been trained by:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

God calls us to do _____ to the flesh what he has already done to the old man! (See Galatians 5:24)

"Evil enters us now as an interloper and a stranger and works sad havoc, but it does not abide in us upon the throne; it is an alien and despised, and no more honored and delighted in. We are dead to the reigning power of sin." -C. H. Spurgeon

Vs. 8-9 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Vs. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

Vs. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Vs. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

Vs. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Don't offer any part of that which God has given you as a tool of unrighteousness.

Vs. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

This verse gives us _____,
_____, and
_____.