

Title: Dead to Sin Date: July 6, 2025

Text: Romans 6:1-7

Romans 5:20-21 Now the Law came in so that the transgression would increase, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"grace" - God's unmerited favor and goodness shown towards the unworthy/undeserving.

The Saint's Salvation and Struggle with Sin:

1. The _____: the travesty of using grace to license sin (v.1-3).

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Frame of Romans 6 - How do saved sinners relate to sin having been saved through grace?

Romans 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

"died to sin" - an important spiritual picture (13x in Rom. 6).

"still live in it" - to continuing operating in sin as if nothing has changed internally (your person) or anything externally (your place before God; to sin).

Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

"baptized into Christ" - to immerse or submerge something into a liquid. An idea of placing into so that the item immersed is changed/affected by what it's in (Gal. 3:27).

"were baptized into His death" - we are baptized (immersed) into His death, which causes our death to sin.

Romans 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all, but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

In union with Christ to His death, death to sin is realized for the former slave to sin.

Application: avoid an immature and unbiblical perspective of sin by applying the truth of salvation to your thinking.

2. God's _____: immersion into Christ brought death to sin and new life to God (v.4).

Romans 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

"buried with Him" – the picture here of burial is used to describe the reality of our participation in His death.

"through baptism into death" - the event of immersion; metaphorical picture of union in the death of Christ.

"as Christ was raised from the dead" – raised to new life of eternal glory and immortality out from the condition brought on by His death to sin on our behalf as our substitute and representative.

"so" - in this way

"newness of life" - life that is of a new or fresh quality, not experienced before.

"we might walk" – Paul's favorite phrase to describe obedience in habits, behaviors, conduct, etc. Used 32x by Paul.

Point: those who have died to sin through Christ should not still live in sin but walk in newness of life as the Father as purposed for us, for His glory and by His glory.

3. Paul's in newness of lif	: why believers should and can walk e (v.5-7).
A. Unity in Christ according to C	guarantees our future hrist (v.5).
	we have become united with Him in the ath, certainly we shall also be in the surrection
	rith" - lit. to be closely intertwined, to grow planted together (in the past, present result).
"the likeness of H	is death" – planted in Christ's death.
"be" - future tense	e, come into a state or become in the future.
for them through	ose who were buried with Christ in His death spiritual union with Him will be raised to the end like Him.
Christ shows u	ne certainty of future resurrection according to s how God desires us to walk now, as those of the life to come.
Christ so that o	our old man was with our flesh might be made powerless and we er live as slaves to sin because we are free

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin

"our old man" - something possessed in a past time; the preceding unregenerate, separated, and condemned inner man.

"in order that" – the purpose the old man being crucified with Christ; the old inner man.

"our body of sin" - the flesh ruled by sin (7:24).

"might be down away with" – to render useless, to reduce the activity of, to make unproductive.

"so that we would no longer be slaves of sin" – to stop or cease being owned by, be adherent to, or submissive to.

Romans 6:7 for he who has died has been justified from sin.

"he who has died" - same term as v.2. Believer who has been united to Christ in His death causing our old man has died and our previous position ended.

"has been justified from sin" – a forensic term describing being declared innocent and imputed righteousness.

Two nuances:

- "justified" is in the perfect tense, so Paul is focusing on the present result flowing from the past action.
- "from" away, distanced; through justification believers are separated from "sin" as their master.

The saving act of justification not only changes our position before God from guilty to innocent, but our position to sin from slave to free.

Application: purpose to live in freedom like God has purposed you to no longer be a slave of sin.

The saved sinner .	and	walk	in
newness of life be	cause of what God has done.		

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is using grace as a license to sin a travesty to Paul? What are the subtle and obvert ways that we can justify sin? What is a biblical response to those ways?
- 2. The picture of the believer dying to sin is often ignored or misunderstood. What does Paul mean when he says believers have "died to sin?" Why is understanding that truth a key to not living in sin?
- 3. "Baptized" and "baptism" in v.3-4 describes what salvific event? Defend why these terms refer to that event, not the ordinance of physical baptism (which does picture it).
- 4. Read Romans 6:4. What does Paul mean by "newness of life?" How is newness of life enabled by our death to sin?
- 5. How does knowing we are dead to sin, raised to new life, and our old man crucified help us "no longer be slaves of sin?"



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