

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"Dying to Live" Romans 6:1-14



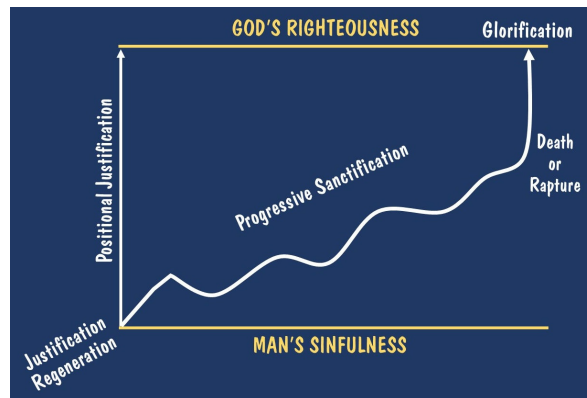
Introduction:

I. THE REALITY OF OUR DEATH WITH CHRIST (vs.1-5)

A. Improved by Living (vs. 1-2)

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

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



"Justification is *for* us; sanctification is *in* us. Justification *declares* the sinner righteous; sanctification *makes* the sinner righteous. Justification removes the *guilt* and *penalty* of sin; sanctification removes the *growth* and the *power* of sin."
– J. Vernon McGee

B. Illustrated by Baptism (vs. 3-5)

³"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?"

⁴"Therefore we have been 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."

⁵"For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection..."

II. THE RESULTS OF OUR DEATH WITH CHRIST (vs. 6-10)

A. Sin is Vanquished (vs. 6-7)

⁶"...knowing this, that our old self 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, ⁷for he who has died is freed from sin."

B. The Savior is Victorious (vs. 8-10)

⁸“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,”

There are three great acts of imputation in the Bible:

- 1) the imputation of Adam's sin to the whole human race (Romans 5:12)
- 2) the imputation of our sin to Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13)
- 3) the imputation of Christ's death and resurrection to us (Rom. 3:26; 4:5)

⁹“knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again;”

“death no longer is master 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.”

III. THE RESPONSE TO OUR DEATH WITH CHRIST (vs. 11-14)

A. Dead to Sin (vs. 11-13a) - reckoning follows knowing (vs. 3,6,9)

¹¹“Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

1st Admonition: ***Count Yourself Dead to Sin***

¹²“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts;”

2nd Admonition: ***Cut Your Ties to Sin***

¹³“and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness;”

3rd Admonition: ***Consecrate Your Life to Righteousness***

B. Alive to God (vs. 13b-14) - yielding is followed by obeying (vs. 16-17)

“but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead”

“and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”

¹⁴“For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

4th Admonition: ***Consider the Amazing Grace of God***

Conclusion:

- 1) Sin is never needed in order to demonstrate grace.
- 2) Baptism is not a ceremony. It is an ordinance that illustrates profound theological truth.
- 3) The believer's life after coming to know Christ should be different than before coming to know Christ.
- 4) Holiness is the goal of the believer's life.

Food for Thought:

- 1) How does the attitude of a true Christian toward sin differ from the attitude of an unbeliever toward sin?
- 2) What does it mean to reckon ourselves dead to sin?
- 3) Is it possible for a Christian to live a sinless life?
- 4) Are you intent on pursuing holiness or do you envy the wicked?