

# Raised to Walk in Newness of Life!

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1. Our response to His great grace **Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?** **2** God forbid. How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

a. His grace is greater than our sin

- i. We are totally wicked and do not deserve our salvation
- ii. We recognize who we were but see who we are through His grace **I Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that **the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?** Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And **such were some of you: but** ye are washed, **but** ye are sanctified, **but** ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

b. There is nothing that we can do to make Him love us more and there is nothing we can do to make Him love us less

c. We are not in a performance based relationship

- d. This great grace might cause some to think that we would take advantage and sin even more **Romans 4:5** **But to him that worketh not,** but believeth on him that **justifieth the ungodly,** his faith is counted for righteousness.
- e. There is great error on either side
- i. Some would say that since His grace is so great we should just take advantage of it
  - ii. On the same side is the idea that you can't tell people about grace because they will never do right
  - iii. Others would say that people need rules to get them to do right
  - iv. We need to enforce, push, preach to make them conform
  - v. Some would have no law while others would be all law
- f. Born again people do not sin, do not live in a state of sin, do not practice sin **I John 3:9** **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**
- i. Sin is now foreign to who we are
  - ii. We died to sin and turned from it

iii. There is absolutely no reason or excuse that we should live in sin any longer

g. We are new creatures **II Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

h. We have a new life **Colossians 3:3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

i. We would never want to take advantage of such great love, mercy, grace, and sacrifice

ii. We have repented of our sin and turned to Jesus

iii. We do not want what we had before

iv. We got sick of sin and satisfied in Jesus

v. We found life in Christ

2. Know what happened when you got saved **3 Know ye not,** that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life.** **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

- a. We were placed into Jesus Christ
  - i. We were in Adam
  - ii. We are now in Christ
  - iii. We had all of the traits and characteristics of Adam
  - iv. Now we have all the characteristics of Christ
- b. His death is real to us. We died in Him. We were placed in His death **Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**
- c. As we are in Christ we have died to sin in Him, turned from sin to Him
  - i. We don't want sin, we repented, we turned to Christ
  - ii. We have turned to the Lord Jesus and seek what He seeks
- d. We are in Christ and in Him we will walk in newness of life
- e. We are completely identified with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- f. We left our old life to live this new one

### 3. These verses and baptism

- a. This baptism speaks of being placed into Christ
- b. It speaks of our identifying ourselves with Him

- c. It is not about water baptism in particular
- d. There is a great comparison here
- e. In water baptism the following is taking place **3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:**
  - i. We are identifying ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ
  - ii. We identify with His death, burial, and resurrection
  - iii. We acknowledge that God raised Him from the dead
  - iv. We publicly state that we turn from who we were to who we are in Him
  - v. We state that we have died to sin and want to live in Christ
  - vi. We hunger for the new life found in Christ
  - vii. We acknowledge that His saving us will take us to this newness of life
- f. Everything we have as believers is found in the person of Christ

g. Why have you not publicly identified with the Lord Jesus Christ

4. Understanding your new reality **6 Knowing this**, that our **old man is crucified** with *him*, that the body of sin might be **destroyed**, that henceforth we **should not serve sin.** **7** For he that is dead is **freed from sin.** **8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: **9** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **death hath no more dominion over him.** **10** For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he **liveth unto God.**

a. The old man is crucified with Christ

- i. The old man is dead
- ii. The body of sin is destroyed
- iii. These are spiritual truths. What do they mean?

b. We are not to serve sin now. We no longer are slaves to sin

- i. We are freed from sin
- ii. Sin no longer has power over us
- iii. The power of sin has been broken, destroyed
- iv. You have no excuse for sin

- c. This does not mean that you can not sin nor that you do not sin
- d. It does not mean that you are not tempted to sin. It simply means you have no excuse to sin, nothing forces you to sin. You have the power and the ability to live a godly life
- e. Notice the truths mentioned
  - i. We should not serve sin **6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**
    - 1. The power of sin is canceled
    - 2. The old guy is dead
    - 3. He has no more power over us
  - ii. We have been freed from sin **7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.**
  - iii. We died with Christ so that we might live with Him **8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:**
  - iv. We, in Him died to sin once, to live to God **10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.**



## 5. Why do we sin then?

- a. We choose to sin. You can yield to either sin or holiness
- b. We still remember who we were and want what we had
- c. We do not fill our hearts with the truth of who we are in Christ
- d. We do not act on what we know or maybe we don't know
- e. We have not realized that we do not have to serve sin and so keep making excuses for sin
- f. Will you continue to make excuses that enable yourself to abuse the goodness and grace of God?
- g. Will you choose today to know what He has done and to say no to sin and yes to holiness?