Romans 6:1-5 – Buried and Raised

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Romans 6:1-5 – Paul explains the meaning behind baptism

Grace Misunderstood

Rom 6:1-2a What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ²God forbid. The gospel of grace left some people with the wrong conclusion. The Question: So you can do whatever you want? Those <u>unchanged</u> by grace are often <u>afraid of</u> or <u>enticed by</u> lawlessness. That is what this message is about. The inside-out change effected by REAL salvation.

You Bury the Dead

Rom 6:2b-3 How shall we, that are <u>dead to sin</u>, live any longer therein? ³Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were <u>baptized into his death</u>?

- We get to learn about the significance of baptism.
- Baptism though, is at outward expression of what happened inwardly WHEN YOU WERE SAVED.

The consistent theme of Scripture is that at the moment of conversion, we died to sin and the law.

What does "Dead to Sin" mean?

- 1. We died to self-reliance for salvation. "Do and live" is an impossible standard, a weight we never could carry. Christ carried it for us.
- We died to the penalty of the Law. The Law of God itself no longer has disciplinary jurisdiction. Gal 2:19 For I through the law am <u>dead to the law</u>...
 Illus: Someone pays off your parking tickets
- We died to ineffective, repetitive sacrifices.
 Illus: The stain that won't come out of the carpet, no matter how much you wash it. (Heb 10:4)
 We don't have to carry guilt or shame for what has come under the blood of the Lamb.
- 4. We died to the dominion of sin.
 Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have <u>crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts</u>.
 There is a sense in which the illusion of sin was broken in our minds.
 We may allow it to gain sway again, but there was a time at which you were truly awakened.
 Rom 6:14 For <u>sin shall not have dominion over you</u>: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
 We never HAVE TO sin. We can overcome through Christ.

There is a death to sin at conversion and is commemorated at baptism as you are plunged under the water. This death was ultimately accomplished by Christ as He took your sin upon Him under the Law and paid the price. POINT 1: Your attitude towards and relationship with sin changes at true conversion.

That... Even So

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: <u>that</u> like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, <u>even so</u> we also should walk in newness of life.

That – in order that; Even so – in a similar way Our death to sin was for a purpose!

Romans 7:6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, <u>so that</u> we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. (ESV)

1 Peter 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, <u>that</u> we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (ESV)*

The consistent witness of the NT is that there is purpose woven into our salvation, our death to sin.

Illus: 9 months of pregnancy FOR a child

We can get so caught up in doing baptism the right way that we forget the right reason. Satan would be fine with you getting baptized the right way for the wrong reason.

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Out of the Grave

Rom 6:4-5 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that <u>like as Christ was raised up from the dead</u> by the glory of the Father, even <u>so we also should walk in newness of life</u>. ⁵For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: The living are not meant for the grave. They must come out!

What is this New Life?

1. We gain the Life of Christ.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, <u>he is a new creature</u>: old things are passed away; behold, <u>all things are</u> <u>become new</u>. This new life not only gives us a good standing before God, it empowers us to overcome sin and produce true righteousness on earth.

2. We gain the Promises of Christ.

2 Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. (ESV) Promises are only useful for the living, not the dead, for they pertain to what lies ahead.
He has promised His presence, wisdom, comfort, strength, protection, preservation, and MANY other things.
Rom 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: The greatest promise is His return!

3. We gain a new Purpose in Christ.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Salvation comes with a yoke.

Luke 14:25-27 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. There is a cost to true discipleship.

Why would anyone ever want to do this?

4. We gain a new Love for Christ.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

2 Cor **5:14-15** For <u>the love of Christ controls us</u>, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (ESV)

Illus: Pakistani Christians do not understand Easy Believism

Because of the historical acceptance of Christianity in America, the cost of discipleship seems light and false doctrines like easy believism and the prosperity gospel have crept in. They don't survive in "harsher climates".

The resurrection to new spiritual life is commemorated at baptism as you are raised from the water. This resurrection was ultimately accomplished by Christ as He rose from the grave.

POINT 2: Your attitude towards Christ and the righteousness He desires changes at true conversion.