

## UNITED with Christ in DEATH and LIFE ~ Romans 6:1-7

→ Scripture Reading Rom. 6:1-6

### INTRODUCTION

**Romans 1:17** (NIV) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by FAITH from FIRST to LAST, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

#### SUMMARY

- CONDEMNATION- Desperate NEED for the Gospel 1:18-3:30
- JUSTIFICATION- by Faith the HEART of the Gospel 3:21-5:21
- SANCTIFICATION- the TRANSFORMING Power of the Gospel 6:1-8:39

**JUSTIFICATION:** Freedom from sin's PENALTY

**2 Corinthians 5:17** (NIV) ...if anyone is IN Christ, he IS a NEW creation; the old has GONE, the NEW has come.

**SANCTIFICATION:** Freedom from sin's POWER

**Philippians 2:12-13** (NLT) ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep REVERENCE and FEAR. <sup>13</sup> For God is WORKING in you, giving you the DESIRE and the POWER to DO what pleases Him.

### Let's Keep Right on SINNING ~ Romans 6:1-4

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

**Romans 5:20** (NIV) ...But where sin increased, grace increased ALL the more,

<sup>2</sup>By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized INTO Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**1 Corinthians 12:13** (NIV) For we WERE all BAPTIZED by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free...

By placing our FAITH in Jesus we have been spiritually immersed into the person of Christ which UNITES and identifies us with Him. MacArthur

<sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Water Baptism pictures a person being BURIED with Christ (submersion under water) and being RAISED to NEW life with Christ (emergence from water). This symbolizes the person's union with, and incorporation into, Christ by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. ESV

### IMPLICATION

→ Baptism is an OUTWARD physical symbol of an INWARD Spiritual Reality

**Matthew 28:19** (NIV) ...go and make disciples of ALL nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

**John 5:24** (HCS) ...Anyone who hears My WORD and BELIEVES Him who sent Me HAS eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from DEATH to LIFE.

>Image of Cross Shaped Baptism Tank

## →Our Justification DEMANDS a Heart felt Desire to GROW

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we **go on sinning** so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means. We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

The point of the gospel was NOT to find an EXCUSE to continue in sin, but to give FREEDOM from sin. LABC

**Galatians 2:20** (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live BY FAITH in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Paul emphasizes that we don't have to live under sin's power. God does not take us out of the world or make us robots - we will still FEEL like sinning, and sometimes we will sin. The difference is that before we were saved we were SLAVES to our sinful nature, but NOW we can CHOOSE to live for Christ. LABN

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## DEAD People DON'T Sin ~ Romans 6:5-7

<sup>5</sup> If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

## IMPLICATION

### →We have a NEW Relationship to SIN

<sup>2</sup> ...We DIED to sin; how can we LIVE in it any longer? <sup>6</sup> ...we should no longer be SLAVES to sin <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has DIED has been FREED from sin.

**Colossians 1:13-14** (NIV) For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have REDEMPTION, the forgiveness of sins.

**Colossians 3:2-3** (NIV) Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you DIED, and your life is now HIDDEN with Christ in God.

There are historical records of slaves who were set free but continued to live AS IF they were slaves. Either they could not believe they were FREE, or they were so conditioned to slavery that they could not imagine freedom. LABC

>Image of slave

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer SLAVES to sin. (NLT)

## TAKE AWAY ??

POSITIONAL Reality - DEAD to sin

PRACTICAL Reality - Daily STRUGGLE with sin