

Romans 6:1-2 (JBP)

Now what is our response to be? Shall we sin to our heart's content and see how far we can exploit the grace of God? ² What a ghastly thought. We, who have died to sin - how could we live in sin a moment longer?

Romans 6:3-4 (JBP)

Have you forgotten that all of us who were baptized into Jesus Christ were, by that very action, sharing in His death? ⁴ We were dead and buried with Him in baptism, so that just as He was raised from the dead by that splendid Revelation of the Father's power so we too might rise to new life.

Romans 6:5-6 (JBP)

If we have, as it were, shared His death, let us rise and live our new lives with Him.

⁶ Let us never forget that our old selves died with Him on the cross that the tyranny of sin over us might be broken - for a dead man can safely be said to be immune to the power of sin.

**United with Christ in
DEATH and LIFE**

Romans 6:1-7

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
- **JUSTIFICATION**- by Faith the **HEART** of the Gospel
- **SANCTIFICATION**- the **TRANSFORMING** Power of the Gospel

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**.

¹³ For **God is WORKING** in you, giving you the **DESIRE** and the **POWER** to **DO** what pleases Him.

Romans 5:20 (NIV)

...But where **sin increased**,
grace increased ALL the more...

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

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

→ **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**.



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

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

² **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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→ We have a **NEW** Relationship
to **SIN**

² ...We **DIED** to **sin**; how can we
LIVE in it any longer?

⁶ ...we should **no longer** be **SLAVES**
to sin ⁷ because **anyone** who has **DIED**
has been **FREED** from **sin**.

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

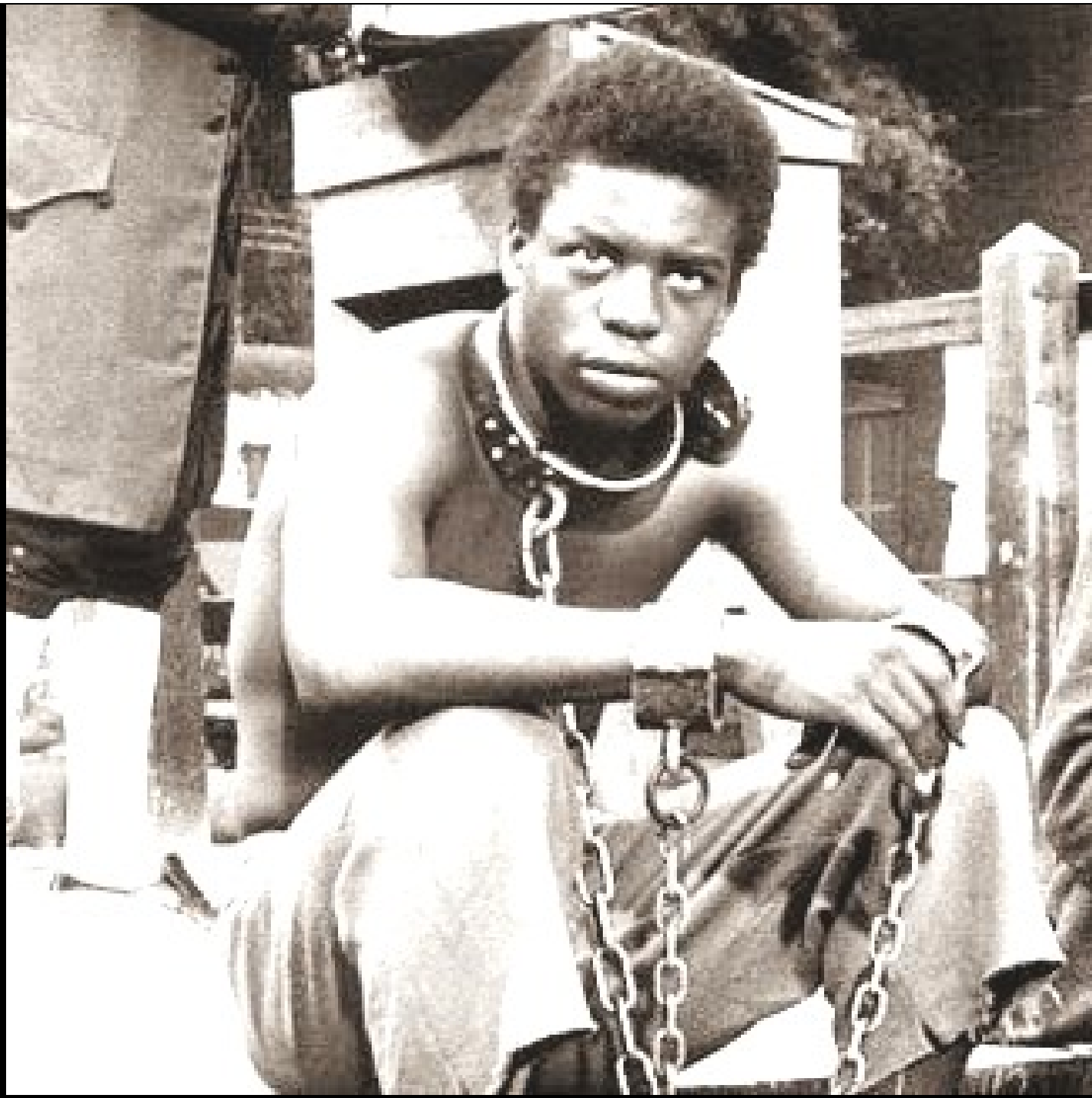
For **He has RESCUED** us from the
dominion of darkness and brought us
into the **kingdom of the Son He loves,**
¹⁴ in whom **we have REDEMPTION,**
the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 3:2-3 (NIV)

Set your **minds on things above**,
not on earthly things.

³ 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



⁶ 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)

POSITIONAL Reality - **DEAD** to sin

PRACTICAL Reality - Daily **Struggle**
with sin