

Having Died, We Live

Romans 6

- Paul has not been to R when he writes, in Acts 20:2-3. He makes it there ~4yrs later
- Church comprised of Jewish Christians & Gentile Christians – clash of cultures now one in Christ
- Ch. 5 serves as a bridge between a discussion of justification and sanctification
- Ch. 6 discusses our new life in Christ

1. Grace: Not a License to Sin – Romans 6:1-14

- Holiness KJV / sanctification NASB – happens as a Christian & daily process over a lifetime
- 1: common 1stC attitude; Jude 4
- 2: Phillips: “What a ghastly thought!” like a dead animal with food in front of it
- 3: How and when do we die to sin? Only mention of baptism in letter
- Baptism not regarded as an “optional extra”
- Personal relationship with Christ
 - 3: baptized into Christ = baptized into His Death
 - 4: buried with Him baptism
 - 5: united with Him
 - 6: crucified with Him
 - 8: died with Christ ... live with Him
- 4: we should act like a new life!
- 5: if=since; united=*with* + *grow*
- 6: old man – GK – before we were Christians
- 7: sin reigned like a king [5:21] but now no longer a reason to bow the knee
- 8: we believe because we were raised to walk
- 9: only Christ was raised to never die again
- 10: He had no sins of His own, He took on ours
- “Once for all: - perpetual validity, not requiring repetition
- 11: consider – accounting term
- 12: emphasis on exhorting – “you”

- 13: instruments – tools; usually trans. weapons, armor in NT
- 14: “You can do that, but you will be in trouble if you do!”

2. Freedom from the Law: Not a License to Sin – Romans 6:15-23

- 15: no longer the slaves of sin but are now slaves of God
- 16: man has a choice, either serve lusts or obey God > Master
- 17: “Faith only” teachers have a hard time with v. 16-17
- 18: freed when they obeyed from the heart, not before!
- 19: using an illustration you are comfortable with so you grasp my teaching
- 20: encourage to continue committing their lives to the Lord – everyday decision
- 21: benefit – fruit; of sin: a guilty conscience, a failure to be what God intends for us to be, alienation from those we love, inability to enjoy blessings of God; worst: spiritual death
- 22: other road ends in eternal life – Mt. 7:14
- 23: one of best-known verses in Romans
- People think wages of sin consist of pleasure, popularity, and success. Paul says not so – death!
- Wages – soldier’s pay – earned at the risk of his body and sweat of his brow [Barclay]
- Sin pays a wage; God gives a gift.

Lessons:

1. God’s grace is not a license for us to sin just because we can get forgiven. Doing things this way is contrary to God’s plan.
2. When we obey the Gospel, we leave that old life of sin in that watery grave. When we are lifted back out, we should live the rest of our lives in that “newness of life.”
3. We deserve to die because of our sins. Thanks be to God Almighty that we do not get what we deserve. We should live our lives where it reflects our appreciation of His sacrifice.

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