

Spiritual Resurrection - Romans 6:1-11

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Introduction

1. From chapter 3 through chapter 5 the theme has been grace... now, he changes to deal with misunderstandings of grace
2. Also a subtle shift from justification to sanctification
3. Note the words “into” and “with” - spatial images
 - we live by union with Him (initially in salvation)
 - we live by union with Him (daily in sanctification)
4. In context...
 - Beginning in verse 1 Paul shows three analogies of a changed life (6:1-7:6)
 - A. Baptism (6:1-14)
 - B. Slavery (6:15-23)
 - C. Marriage (7:1-6)

I. Objection (1)

1. We ought just continue in sin
 - since it's all about grace
 - after all, all my sins are covered
 - after all, the Old Testament is just the law and I am saved by faith/ grace
 - that just gives us a green light to sin**
2. And if I sin - then, grace will really abound
 - if God's true greatness is sin by how He takes care of our sin (5:20), then why shouldn't we just sin and bring glory to God?

II. God Forbid (2-4)

1. God forbid (2)
 - How can we live in sin - we're dead to sin
 - How is it possible for a reborn person to continue to sin... it is against our nature
 - 1 John 1:8 - the sinful nature is not eradicated at rebirth
 - It is a terrible thing to trade on the mercy of God... His mercy is no excuse for our sinning.
2. Don't you realize... (3)
 - When we were
 - A. Baptized into Jesus
 - B. We were baptized into his death
 - C. What death?
3. Baptized into death (4)

- !!).
- The analogy of baptism and resurrection are merged into one “image.”
 - Col. 2:12 says we are “buried with Him in baptism.”
 - A. Into death
 - in order to enter new life we must die
 - Luke 9:23 - “die to himself”
 - at Gal. 6:14 Paul said “the world has been crucified to me” - same analogy

B. With Christ

- die “with” Christ
- raised “with” Christ

C. Note also the “into” Christ

- in Ephesians 1 we are “in” Christ... how’d we get there?
- Ephesians 1:3 - “blessed” in Christ
- Ephesians 1:4 - “chosen” in Christ
- Ephesians 1:6 - “made acceptable” in Him
- Ephesians 1:7 - “in whom” we have our redemption
- Ephesians 1:10 - gathered the world together “in Him”
- Ephesians 1:11 - “in whom” we have obtained an inheritance
- So... How do we get “into” Christ? - we are baptized in

D. So that, -

- 1) like Jesus was raised, we will be raised
- 2) we will walk in newness of life

*Baptism is seen as an illustration of resurrection

E. On a mystical level, we died with Christ - now

*God lives in the eternal now... it is always now with God

III. The Will is the Issue

1. Coming to Christ involves the death of our will - Luke 9:23 - “die to himself”
2. Repentance is “dying”
3. Both “will” and “repentance” happen the first time at salvation ... however, they remain
in our daily living as well. Each day we must die to ourselves. Repentance.
4. A pivotal issue is control. If you are a true Christians - He is in control. A spirit-believer is spirit-controlled.
5. May believers do not want to follow Jesus - they just want to go to heaven.
6. Paul said “I die daily”
7. The cross is where the will dies.
8. He died (1-10)
-you die(11)

IV. Reasoning: (5-10)

1. “For” (5)

Illustration - and an if/then statement

If we have been “planted” in death

We shall also be “raised”

*don’t miss - planted “together”

2. We know this (6)

A. Old man is crucified (with Him)

B. So that, the body of sin be destroyed

C. With the result that - we no longer serve sin

-in 6 we are told that we are no longer sin’s slave. That does not mean we no longer sin, but that sin no longer “reigns” (verse 12)

D. The person dead is freed from sin (7)

-and the old life... “the old life is dead”
NEB - “a dead man is no longer answerable for his sin”

3. Flow...

- died/raised
- so that, sin destroyed
- so that, we no longer sin

4. “Now” (8)

A. If we be dead (with Him)

We believe

We will also live (with Him)

B. Because we know (9)

Christ died

Because death has no more hold on Him

He died once to sin - “once for all”

!!). The Greek gods died and were reborn every year... so Paul has used some of that analogy to show them how Jesus is better/different
By comparison > He lives with God

V. Likewise You Also (11)

1. Reckon yourselves - count yourselves
 - think of yourselves as dead to sin
 - we are not just pretending we are dead... we are to consider ourselves what God has made true
2. Two reckonings:
 - a. dead to sin
 - b. alive to God
3. Sin is not dead to us... but we are dead to it... a subtle but important distinction
4. How? Through Jesus
5. Daily dying is merely the consequence being worked out of the one death, with Christ.
“...like the tree dies after its roots have been cut away.” - Bonhoeffer

So> Continue in Sin? (1)

God forbid! (2)

He died to sin (we died with Him) (10)

Instead of “continue” in sin... we ought Abide in Him (continue, in Him)

Note also...

Verse 12 - “therefore” don’t let sin “reign” (who is in control?)

Verse 13 - don’t “yield” to sin (give up control)

Verse 14 - for (because) sin shouldn’t have dominion over you (control)