

Romans 6:1-4

Baptized into Christ

1. 5:21-6:1 - The Grace Life

- a. Ch. 5 - Life from the grace of God found in the imputed righteousness of Christ.
- b. 5:20 - Where sin abounded (under the law), grace did not much abound.
- c. As sin reigned unto death (to all in Adam), so grace reigns unto life (to all in Christ)
- d. 5:21- *"eternal life"* - What shall we say then? About our life right now.
- e. Shall we continue in sin? (Remember, Rom 3:5-8)
 - i. Since the grace of God does not concern our acts, then do we continue?
 - ii. Grace may reign unto eternal life, but doesn't death reigns over the world?
 - iii. Christ died, gave us eternal life, but don't we still live in Adam currently?
 - iv. *"God forbid"* – Not a mistake in translation, it is a non-literal translation.
- f. Does grace need sin to abound?
 - i. 'God forbid' puts a stop to sin. It appears 14/24x in the Bible in Paul's books.
 - ii. Sin never glorifies God, sinners cannot please God - Rom 8:8
 - iii. Grace does not reign because of sin, but because of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - iv. Grace separates us from sin (6), law (7), and condemnation (8)

2. 6:2 - Life in Christ / Dead to Sin

- a. *"How shall we... live any longer"* - There is a new way to live now. New life by grace.
 - i. If any man be in Christ (ch5), he is a new creature - 2 Cor 5:16-17
- b. *"that are dead to sin"* - not 'will be' - Our eternal life in Christ begins now.
 - i. In Adam all die, but Rom 5:11 we 'have now the atonement' <-- dead to sin.
 - ii. Death was the end of sin, but now death in Christ is a grace - Gal 2:20
 - iii. Being dead in Christ, is the first reality of life now - Rom 6:7,8,11,7:4, 8:10
 - iv. *"ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God"* - Col 3:3

3. 6:3 - Baptized into Christ's Death

- a. *"know ye not"* - Because we have already talked about Christ's death in ch. 3,4,5
- b. *"so many of us"* - Because it is not 'all of us', but those that believe the gospel 1Co 15:3
- c. *"baptized into Jesus Christ"* - which Paul describes in 1 Cor 12:13, Gal 3:26-28
 - i. There is no water anywhere in Romans! Paul would thank God - 1 Cor 1:17
 - ii. Half the baptisms in the Bible are dry - 1 Cor 10:1-2
 - iii. Baptism does not mean water, but an "immersion" for the sake of identification
 - iv. This affirms you are identified with Christ (ch5) by faith (ch 3-4).
- d. *"baptized into his death"* – Jesus is not water, death is not what you do in the water
 - i. Jesus was baptized twice! Water = Luke 3:21-22 and Death = Luke 12:50
 - ii. The only baptism you need is into his death. The Bible has more than a dozen.
 - iii. There are 3 baptisms in Matthew 3:11 alone, not to mention OT Heb 6:2, 9:10

4. 6:4 - Unto New Life

- a. Our baptism into Christ by the Spirit upon belief – Eph 1:13, 1 Cor 12:13
- b. If the "burial" is water, then the "resurrection" is a product of yourself also
- c. The baptism we have in Christ is an operation of God without hands –Col 2:11-12
- d. *"newness of life"* This is why Paul mentions baptism identification with Christ?
- e. What life do we live in the flesh now? The life of Christ - Gal 2:20