

# Romans 6:8-11

## Living with Christ

### 1. 6:8 – What Now

- a. “... *with him*” – These truths require our identification with Christ (6:3-5)
- b. “*dead with Christ*” – the crucified life: old man dead, freed from sin (6:5-7)
- c. “*live with [Christ]*” – the resurrected life: new man alive, eternal life now (6:8-11)
- d. Being dead with Christ is insufficient, he died for you, and he is alive for you.

### 2. 6:9 – He Dies No More

- a. “*Knowing*” – Life in Christ begins with what we know v. 3, 6, 9 (see also Rom 12:2)
  - i. “*Christ being raised*” - not his life after the flesh - 2 Cor 5:16
  - ii. “*Christ being raised*” - risen, alive now in heaven - Rom 8:34, Eph 1:19, 20
  - iii. “*from the dead*” - how shall we live? As risen from the dead - 6:2, Col 3:1-3
- b. “*Christ ... dieth no more*” – This is eternal life: not to die again, alive forever.
  - i. “*death hath no more dominion*” – First, sin (v6-7), now death has no power.
  - ii. Neither subject to sin, nor subject/slave/bound to death – His life is eternal.
  - iii. The power of eternal life is that it removes the spirit of fear and power of death.
  - iv. Christ not only destroys the devil, but death – Heb 2:14-15, 1 Cor 15:26

### 3. 6:10 – He Lives unto God

- a. “*he died unto sin once*” - in the flesh, in the likeness of sinful flesh – Rom 8:4
- b. “*but in that he liveth*” – His glorified life began once he died, he lives now
  - i. He was made a quickening spirit – 1 Cor 15:45
  - ii. He was declared to be the Son of God with power - Rom 1:4
  - iii. He made in himself a new man – Eph 2:15
- c. “*he liveth unto God*” - a new creature (glorified man) – 2 Cor 5:17
  - i. Created in righteousness and holiness – Eph 4:24, Col 3:10

### 4. 6:11 – What Do You Reckon

- a. “*Likewise*” – planted together in his likeness, baptized into Christ’s death/resurrection
  - i. (if water is what we’re like, there doesn’t seem to be much talk about it)
- b. “*reckon ye*” – The same as the impute/account/conclude we saw 12x in Rom 4 by faith
  - i. There has been a lot of ‘should’ 6:4, 5, 6, but the first command is to ‘reckon’
- c. “*also yourselves*” - v9-10 spoke of “him” Christ, but verse 11 is reckoning it to you
- d. “*to be dead indeed unto sin*” – a given in v8, concluded in v7, explained in v6, identified in v3-5, and stated in v2, now... you must make a conclusion about yourself by faith.
  - i. Most read as ‘don’t do that’ or ‘stop doing wrong, start doing right’ -- read again
  - ii. This is an accounting/conclusion about yourself- who you are, the life you live
  - iii. Sin is not the life you live, you’re no longer called sinner
- e. *What does it mean to be dead unto sin?*
  - i. Dead ~def. Without life, force, usefulness, detached from. It cannot move, motivate, relate, claim rights, privilege, power, control, or position. A corpse.

- ii. Gal 6:14- “by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world”
- iii. World is dead to me (detached from me, no rights to me, cannot move me)
- iv. I am dead to the world (detached from it, no place in it, no use to it)
- v. Rom 6:11 – You dead to sin – You have no rights to sin, your life freed from sin.
- f. Warning: This is not a removal of sin from you, but a overthrowing of its control.
  - i. To deny sin is still present is to deny reality. (See Rom 7)
    - 1. Bad result → holiness, ‘no sin’, 1 John 3:9, sin gets hidden
  - ii. To deny the resurrected life now is to deny reality in Christ
    - 1. Bad result → ignorance of sin, sin gets accepted as normal among saints
- g. *“alive unto God”* – The real purpose of the reckoning that answers Rom 6:1-2
  - i. As Christ was alive unto God 1) he died once in the past, 2) he lives eternal life, 3) he lives now in the present, 4) he lives in holiness as a new man.
- h. *“through our Lord Jesus Christ”*
  - i. Believers have two natures pushing for rights – put off the old, put on the new.
  - ii. Reckoning is your conclusion by faith as to who/where your right to live is found
  - iii. Your life is hid in Christ – sin and death have no right to you. Change your mind.