

Dead to Sin, but Alive to Christ

Romans 6:11-23

I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Luke 13:3

Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

As Savior He forgives our sins, but as Lord He has a right to tell us what to do.

Justification

The act of God by which he declares a believing sinner righteous.

Sanctification

To be set apart for the distinct purpose of becoming like Christ.

Sanctification, set apart to become like Christ.

- 1. We need to remember what happened to us.**

We died to sin. We became alive to God when we were born again.

Romans in review

- Sin's dominion over the world (Ch. 1-2)
- Gentiles guilty, violated their consciences
- Jews had the law, failed to live up to it (Ch. 2)

*“There is no one righteous, not even one; **Romans 3:10***

- No one is righteous, not even one (Ch. 3)
- God's grace covers over our sin (Ch. 4-5)
- The difference this makes in daily life (Ch. 6)

*By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **Romans 6:2***

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **Romans 6:3***

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the

*dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **Romans 6:4***

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:11

*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **Romans 6:12***

For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Romans 6:14

2. We need to understand that growth is expected of us.

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Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness,

Romans 6:13a

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are

quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Proverbs 6:16-19

*but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. **Romans 6:13b***

“When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order.

Matthew 12:43-44

*Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.” **Matthew 12:45***

**Seven things that occur
as we grow in Christ**

1. Eliminate immorality—but to fill your life with purity.

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. Ephesians 4:17

Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. Eph. 4:19

2. Eliminate lying—fill your life with the truth.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. Ephesians 4:25

3. Eliminate temper—fill your life with control.

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26-27

4. Eliminate stealing—fill your life with work and generosity.

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, **Ephesians 4:28**

but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:28

5. Eliminate vulgarity—fill your life with encouragement.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29

6. Eliminate hatred—fill your life with compassion.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **Ephesians 4:31**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32**

7. Eliminate drunkenness—fill your life with the Holy Spirit.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

3. We anticipate what will occur.

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Two inevitable consequences if we offer ourselves to sin

1. You will become a slave to sin

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. Romans 6:19

2. This ends in death

For the wages of sin is death
Romans 6:23

Biblical Hell in three graphic terms

1. Fire—punishment
2. Outer darkness—loneliness
3. Death—separation from God and love

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Romans 6:18

When we offer ourselves to God Two things occur in our lives

1. You become a slave to righteousness
2. This results in eternal life

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*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. **Rom. 6:22***

He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to

me and let the child live.’ But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

2 Samuel 12:22-23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23