

Romans 6 (Part 1) Study Notes :1-14 • Baptized Into Christ's Death

Note from Pastor Paul: This study is essentially about the believer's relationship to sin now that you are a born-again believer. That relationship has gone through a fundamental transformation and this chapter explains why.

Read Romans 1-14

- The Apostle made an important statement about our old relationship to sin in **Ephesians 2:1-2**. Read it and describe our former state based on that passage.
- Now read **Colossians 2:13** and find in that passage what happened to change our old relationship to sin.
- In the previous chapter Paul had made the statement: "...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." In other words, where we messed up God continued to pour out more and more forgiveness. Paul now goes on to anticipate a question regarding that grace which he gives in **verse 1**. (Read it again.)
 - I can imagine this is a question he was actually asked by some people who heard him teaching on the subject of God's grace.
 - How would you answer someone who asked: "If God's grace is poured out when we sin, then aren't we free to live however we please?"
- What answer does Paul give to his initial question?
- What secondary question does Paul ask in **verse 2**?
- Paul is asking HOW is it even possible to LIVE IN SIN when we, as believers, have DIED TO SIN? When did we die to sin?
- **Read verses 3-4**. Paul makes reference to "**baptism**" here. He's talking about something that happens to the believer of which water baptism is a picture. What reality are we portraying in the waters of baptism?
 - Using that understanding, what is Paul saying about what happens to us when we come to Christ?
 - How does that change our relationship to sin?
- The key words in **verse 4** are "**in order that**" which tell us that Paul is about to explain the benefit of being baptized into Christ's death. What is that benefit?
- Describe what it means to "**walk in newness of life**."
- **Verses 6-7** speak further of this benefit by likening our old relationship sin as slavery. What happens when a slave dies?
- How does that picture help us understand what Christ has done for us as it relates to sin?
- **Read verses 8-11 again**. The exhortation connected to these verses is found in **verse 11** where Paul tells us to "**consider yourselves dead to sin**." Look up this verse in some other translations and see what other words are used.
- Paul is telling you to exercise your faith and believe that sin is no longer in control of your life. That means we are not only saved by faith but that our victory over sin ALSO comes by faith. How does this truth affect how you see sin in your life?
- Read Paul's conclusion in **verse 14**. What does "no dominion" mean?