

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Does the gospel have any present affect
on how we live?

The gospel profoundly affects the way you live
because it fundamentally changes who you are

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

²May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

³Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have become united with *Him* in the form of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the form* of His resurrection.

⁶Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be made powerless, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

⁷for he who has died is justified from sin.

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

¹⁰For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

¹¹Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:1-11)

Christian, do you know who you are?

You are you united to Christ in His death to sin
and in His resurrection to newness of life

Raised with Christ

1. Our Confidence ("we will live")

- referring to our future, bodily resurrection from the dead *with Christ*
- our resurrection in the future is predicated upon our death with Christ in the past

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2. The Reason

- Christ's resurrection was a decisive and final break with death and all its power
- Christ's death was a decisive ("once for all") separation from the rule of sin

Summary Exhortation

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but alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

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1. Not a command to die to sin and live for God but to reckon what is true of you "in Christ"
2. We must continually reckon that we have been separated from the rule of sin and now live in the realm of the new age
3. Obedience is first and essentially a matter of faith, which lays hold of Christ and his work