

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Dead to Sin; Alive in Christ!"

Text: Romans 6:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. Our Lord instituted two ordinances: the Lord's Supper & Baptism; ordinances that His disciples were to observe regularly.
2. What *was prescribed* by our Lord in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) *was practiced* by the apostles as they shared the gospel message and people were saved by trusting Christ alone as Savior.
 - NT never envisions the abnormal situation of an unbaptized believer!
 - NT times baptism closely followed conversion; the two were considered part of one event (cp. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

THE CONTEXT (5:12-6:1)

Does salvation by grace and through faith encourage sinful living by giving us a license to sin? See 5:20. NO! God's grace not only forgives sins, but also delivers us from sinning. Grace does more than justify; it also sanctifies!

THE _____ TRUTH (6:2-10)

"We died to sin [in the past]; how can we live in it any longer [in the future]?" Its not the literal impossibility of sin in believers which Paul is declaring, but the moral absurdity (inappropriateness) of it.

1. What does "we died to sin" mean?

In Christ, the score has been settled, the debt paid, the law satisfied, & our old life (what we were in Adam) has ended. I'm a child of God; I'm part of God's new creation. As such, I should want nothing more to do with sin!
2. When did we "die to sin"?

Union with Christ is *secured* by personal faith in Christ's finished work and *signified* by means of water baptism by immersion.

THE CHRISTIAN'S _____ (6:11-14)

1. _____ yourselves . . .
2. _____ yourselves . . .
 - You have a new responsibility (vss. 12, 13)
 - You have a new life (vs. 13)
 - You have a new freedom (vs. 14)

