

THE GRACE OF GOD
Transforming Grace
Romans 6:11-14

Big idea: Our union with Christ leads us to walk in newness of life.

1. Those united to Christ have died to sin and can no longer live in sin (6:1-2).
2. Those united to Christ have been buried with Him by baptism into his death and raised to walk in newness of life (6:3-4a).
3. Those united to Christ are dead to sin and alive to God (6:6-10).

A. Christ's death was our death (vv. 6-7).

B. Christ's life is your new life (vv. 8-10).

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

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

4. Those united to Christ are to fight sin and serve God (6:11-14).

How do we fight sin and serve God?

A. By considering yourselves dead to sin and alive to God (v. 11).

11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(1) We are to consider two gospel truths:

- We are dead to sin because we are united in Christ's death and burial (vv. 2, 3b, 4a, 5a, 6a, 8a).
- We are alive to God because we are united in Christ's resurrection (vv. 4b, 5b, 8b, 9).

(2) Why is it difficult to comprehend that we are free from sin's bondage?

- Ignorance – We have not been taught that the gospel transforms us from the inside out.
- Satan – He is a deceiver who wants us to live in the old era without hope of change.
- Experience - Our crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection with Christ is not experiential.
- Failure – Sin seems to have mastery over us because of our repeated failure.

B. By not letting sin reign in you (v. 12).

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

> How can we not let sin reign in our mortal body?

(1) By the power of the Spirit (Rom. 8:13).

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

When we sin its not because the power was not available. It is because it was not appropriated.

(2) By confessing sin immediately (1 Jn. 1:9).

(3) By biblical fellowship (Heb. 3:13).

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(4) Worship – Our hearts are enthroned with Christ. He is the one who reigns in us.

C. By not offering your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness (v. 13a).

13a Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness,

D. By offering your members to God as instruments for righteousness (v. 13b).

but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

- We fight sin by surrendering to God.

Romans 12:1

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Promise - For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace (v. 14).

God promises that sin cannot rule over us.

* Sin shall not be our master, because our position has radically changed from being “under law” to being “under grace”. Grace does not encourage sin; it outlaws it.

- **Law** > sin > death > condemnation

- **Grace** > salvation > life > freedom

Benediction:

Romans 5:8

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.