

THE GRACE OF GOD: Sanctifying Grace
Romans 6:1–5
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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).**

A. United with Him in baptism. (6:3-4a).

▪ **What does baptism signify?**

Baptism signifies a believer's union with Christ, by grace through faith, and all the benefits that result from that union.

▪ **Does baptism save you?**

▪ **Who can be baptized?**

▪ **Baptism itself is a summary of our faith.**

- It is a confession of sin and a picture of repentance.
- It is a profession of faith in Christ.
- It reminds us of Christ's humiliation and death as he identified with sinners and his resurrection from the dead.
- It portrays the radical nature of conversion (v. 4).
- It represents a preview of the bodily resurrection (v. 5b).

The Ordinance of Baptism

"Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life. It is prerequisite to church membership." **Crosspoint Church Statement of Faith, G.1**

> Have you followed Christ in obedience in believers' baptism?

B. United with Him in his death and resurrection (v. 4b-5).

▪ **God's action: We are buried with Christ and we are raised with Christ (v. 4ab)**

▪ **God's intention: We should walk in newness of life (v. 4c-5)**

- 3. Those united to Christ are dead to sin and alive to God (6:6-11).**

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

2 truths:**(1) You are not who you used to be (v. 6).**

We know that our old self was crucified with him

> The “old self” is who we use to be in Adam, our preconversion state. It is the unregenerate man in his entirety under the dominion and rule of sin.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

> The old self has been put to death by crucifixion, but it does not bring to death our temporal flesh and its corrupted inclinations until we are glorified.

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

(2) You are now free from the controlling power of sin (v. 6-7)!

Romans 6:17–18 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

> Is there a “controlling” sin in your life that you commit willingly because you are counting on God’s grace to forgive you?

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

Rev. 1:17b-18 17b Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Benediction: Romans 3:23 and 6:23