

## WEEK 12 | ONE PARADOX

Date: October 26, 2025

Verses: Romans 6:3-5



### SERIES INSIGHT

**One Paradox** is a walk through the book of 2nd Corinthians and the Paradox of the Cross. It leads us to live lives by Faith and not by sight. It challenges us to live according to what Jesus values, which is in contrast to the values of today's world. The question we'll wrestle with is this: what does the Cross mean to you?

### ICEBREAKER

- You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick?
- What would be the most surprising scientific discovery imaginable?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. **Read Romans 6:3-5.** Take a few minutes to read through this passage and to discuss the imagery of baptism that Paul leans into here, coupled with some of what Des has shared as well.
3. What does it really mean to be "baptized into His death," and how should that shape the way we respond to sin and temptation today?
4. Reflect on one area where your old habits still try to "resurface." What practical step can you take this week to bury that old pattern—through confession, accountability, or surrender?
5. Baptism symbolizes being buried with Christ—leaving the old life behind. What does it look like to fully "let go" of your old identity and past failures?
6. **Identify one past regret, shame, or identity label you've held onto.** How can you symbolically "leave it in the water" and walk in the new freedom Christ gives?
7. Paul says we are raised to "walk in newness of life." What does new life in Christ practically look like in your everyday relationships, priorities, and mindset?
8. Describe one area where you sense God calling you to live differently because of your new life in Christ—whether in how you forgive, serve, or lead.
9. Baptism is not just a one-time event but a picture of ongoing transformation. How can we live daily as people who are continually "raised with Christ"?
10. This week, **choose one daily habit or routine to intentionally align with your new identity in Christ**—something that declares, "I've been raised to live differently."

### PRAYER

Share requests and celebrate praise reports. Take time for your group to pray for however long is needed.



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