

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Baptized into New Life

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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- **Real life is only found in our identity in Christ.**

Romans 6:1-10 (NLT) Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God.

- **Through faith in Christ we have died to sin.**

1 Peter 2:24 Amplified Bible (AMP) "He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross [willingly offering Himself on it, as on an altar of sacrifice], so that we might die to sin [becoming immune from the penalty and power of sin] and live for righteousness; for by His wounds you [who believe] have been healed."

- **Jesus Christ delivers us from the penalty of sin.**

- **Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of sin.**

Romans 6:6-7 (NLT) "We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin."

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT) "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."

- **When Christ returns He will deliver us from the presence of sin.**

- **Through faith in Christ we have been raised to new life.**

Romans 6:8-9 (NLT) "And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

- **Therefore, we give ourselves completely to God.**

Romans 6:11-14 (NLT) "So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. ¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴ Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace."

What is holding you back from giving yourself completely to God?

Big Idea: Identify fully with Jesus by immersing yourself in His life.

What step is God asking you to take today?

Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT) "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory."



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read Romans 6:1-14. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage? What do we learn about identity and new life?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does it mean for us as we place our faith in Jesus Christ? How does the image of baptism by immersion help us better understand what we have been given in Christ?
- 6) Read 1 Peter 2:24 and Romans 8:1-2. How do these passages encourage you to identify fully with Jesus Christ?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What is holding you back from giving yourself completely to God? What specific action step is God asking you to take in light of this teaching?
- 8) What steps will you take this week to identify fully with Jesus by immersing yourself in His life? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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