

Growing in Sanctification

Text: Romans 6:1-11

Context - In Romans 1:1-3:20 Paul explains our sinful depravity before a Holy God. In Romans 3:21-5:21 - Paul expounds on how God can cleanse the sinner through Justification in Jesus Christ. Now, in Romans 6-8, Paul breaks down our Sanctification in Jesus and our battle with ongoing sin.

Justification: The act by which God declares a sinner righteous through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a one-time, legal pronouncement where Christ's righteousness is imputed to the believer, forgiving their sins and granting them right standing before God (Romans 5:1).

Sanctification: The ongoing process by which God transforms a believer's life to become more like Christ. It involves growing in holiness, empowered by the Holy Spirit, through obedience, prayer, and scripture, progressively conforming the believer to God's will (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

As you grow in sanctification....

I. _____ the relationship between Grace and Sin (vs. 1-4)

- A. In Romans 5:20, Paul explains that while justification reveals grace abounding where sin increases, this does not grant Christians unrestricted freedom to sin.
- B. The true Christian cannot continue in a pattern of sin. *1 John 3:6 (ESV)* "No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him." The Grace of God helps us to put sin to death and live for God in Christ.

II. _____ completely with Jesus (vs. 5-11)

- A. Paul explains how we are united with Christ in his death (vs. 5), his burial (vs. 4), his resurrection (vs. 5), and his life that he now lives to God (vs. 10).
- B. Galatians 2:20 (ESV) "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."