

Sermon Outline

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August 20, 2023

“Baptism Sunday: Dead to Sin, Alive to God”
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Romans 6:1-14

Introduction

- Baptism is a command of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20)
- EFCA Statement of Faith – Article 7 (The Church):

...The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.

1. **Don't Misunderstand the Gospel of Grace** (v. 1-2)

- A. We are not to sin to increase grace (v. 1-2; Rom. 5:20-21)
- B. Believers in Christ are dead to sin; sin has no place in our lives (v. 2; Titus 2:11-12)

2. **Know the Truth of the Believer's Identity in Christ** (v. 3-10)

- A. Baptism pictures the believer's identification with Christ (v. 3-5)
 - i. In His death, burial, and resurrection (v.3-4; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Col. 2:12)
 - ii. United, joined together with Christ (v. 5)
 - 1. Christ was raised from the dead, so will the believer be (2 Cor. 5:8, Phil. 1:23; 1 Cor. 15)
 - 2. Baptism does not save though. One is saved by God's grace and through faith (Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 16:30-31)

- B. The believer is not dominated by sin (v. 6-7)
 - i. The “old self” is crucified
 - ii. Body of sin is powerless
 - 1. No longer slaves to sin
 - iii. Set free from sin
- C. The believer has the sure hope of a future with Christ (v. 8-10)
 - i. Christ was raised from the dead, death has no hold on him (v. 9; Rev. 1:8)
 - ii. He lives to God, and so should we (v. 10)

3. **Live the Truth of Your Identity in Christ** (v. 11-14)

- A. Recognize that you are dead to sin, alive to God (v. 11)
- B. Don't let sin reign, let God reign (v.12-14)

*** Christian, Be Who You Are: Dead to Sin and Alive to God ***

Summer in the Psalms Daily Reading Plan:

- Hard copies available in the racks next to each door inside the Worship Center
- Download from Chapel website homepage (YourPlaceToBelong.com)
- On The Chapel App (YourPlaceToBelong.com/App)

What's Next?

- August 27: “*Cherishing God’s Word*” – Psalm 119:9-16, Pastor Luke Young
- September 3: “*In Awe of God*” – Psalm 139, Pastor Corey Kugle