

- **Living in the Power of the New Creation**
- **"Who am I in Christ?"**
- The greatest need in the church today is to be able to fully and clearly answer the question to ourselves and others, "Who am I in Christ?"
- -What is my identity?
- -What is the Father's ultimate purpose for me?
- **Romans 6**
- -In **Romans 6** Paul goes on to show that it is absolutely impossible to continue in sin to glorify God's continual forgiveness
- -because we are "in" Christ, "in" His death and resurrection.
- **Romans 6:1**
- **v. 1 Now what is our response to be [to the fact that the more we sin, the more God covers it with His grace; to the fact that God is not dealing with us based on our performance, He is dealing with us based on Jesus' performance]? Are we supposed to persist in sinning and seek fulfillment in our old patterns of behavior to see how far we can exploit the grace of God? What a terrible thought! (Phillips/Message)**
- **Romans 6:2**
- **v. 2 How is it possible for us, being the re-born people that we are, who have been separated once for all from the sinful nature, to live any longer in sin's grip? (Wuest)**
- Paul then asks, **"Don't you know that?"**
- **Romans 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**
- **"Know"** is the **first word** we are going to look at.
- -Next week we'll look at two other words from Romans 6
- -"Consider" or in some of the older translations, "Reckon"
- -"Present" yourself
- Paul uses it again in **verses 6 & 9:**
- **⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.**
- **⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.**
- **But many people have it in their head,**
- **"if only**
- **I can be prayed for by the right person.**
- **-If only I can get by osmosis a spiritual zapping,**
- **-If only it will somehow rub off on me then all of this incredible life of the New Testament will become mine."**
- **You have to know the truth before the truth can set you free.**
- **What did Paul want them to KNOW!**
- **Romans 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**
- **v. 4 In other words, when we were baptized we went into the tomb with Him and joined Him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. (Jerusalem)**

- “we **have been** baptized” “**were** baptized”
- **(ILL) The head and the body share the same history.**
- -Everything that my head has experienced, so has my body.
- -Everywhere my head has been, my body was there too.
- **If my head is in New York, so is my body.**
- -If my head comes back from New York, so has my body
- -Or I am in big trouble!
- **Kennedy Space Center**
- **(ILL) Look How an astronaut can servive.**
- -they are up there in outer space with no air walking around in outer space floating around.
- -That is us, we are astronauts.
- **We live in this world of death and pollution.**
- -To breathe this air is death, and yet we live in heaven where we have our spacesuit of heaven.
- We have become **partakers of the divine nature,**
- -We have become sons and daughters of the King by new birth
- -Jesus is our elder brother
- **Jesus is the Head, we are each members of His body,**
- -The body shares equally in the same state of being as the Head
- **If the Head is rich,**
- -so is the body.
- **Fill in the blank**
- —all the blessings that Jesus earned by His obedience are ours because we are in Him.
- -We have been joined to His history
- -We share in His death and resurrection and ascension
- **Eph. 1:3; 2:6**
- ³ **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**
- ⁶ **and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**
- **The Spirit has included you into the history of Jesus**
- -You have died with Christ and risen with Him
- -You right now are seated with Him in the heavenly realm of the Spirit.
- -You don't need hands laid on you to “get it”—you've already got it.**
- **The religious spirit makes you try to get through effort what Christ has given you by gift.**
- ***The Never-ending Alter Call***
- Then in 1993 I Finally surrendered 100% and became one with Christ.
- **As a believer, your whole existence is dependent on Jesus(-every part—big and small)**
- All your relationships, interactions, dreams, are done with a consciousness of you in Him.-and Him in you
- Apart from Jesus, I am nothing and I can do nothing.

- -Apart from Jesus, I have no history with God and no hope of living the Christian life today
- **I am not trying to imitate Jesus in my own strength,**
- -I understand Paul's words, "For me to live is Christ."
- *Do you **know** who you are?*
- **-The Christian life is not about you giving it your best shot with some help from God.**
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- **It is about knowing that Christ lives within us**
- **-and we draw upon His infinite life in every situation we find ourselves in.**
- **You face an impossible situation**
- -A situation at **home** that you can't stand coming home to
- -A sinful **habit** you can't seem to break
- -A **sickness** where there is no hope
- -A **difficult person**
- -A lack of provision
- And from your heart you say, "Jesus, I cannot, but You can, and that is all I need to know. Let's go!"
- **Jesus told people who had the power to kill him !**
- **"Nobody takes my life from Me. I lay it down."**
- -Going to throw Him off of a cliff...parts the crowd and walks through
- No matter what sickness or diseased person they brought Him
- -needing money to pay taxes
- -food shortage for 5000+ people
- -He dipped into another realm of abundance and pulled out the solution.
- **David**, was going to fight the giant, **Goliath**.
- **Brothers, "Go back and tend your few sheep, you conceited little jerk."**
- **David, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, who would defy the armies of the living God?"**
- **-Who is this guy, he doesn't have a covenant?**
- **-I've got the covenant"**
- **Roman 6:5**
- **For you have become a part of Him, you have been joined with Christ, you have become one with Him, you have been united with Him and so you died with Him, so to speak, when He died, and now you share His new life, and shall rise as He did. (Living/Today's English/Weymouth)**
- **" Jesus, I have been united with You.**
- **-I never have to face anything alone.**
- **-I have the resurrected Christ living inside of me.**
- **-This problem is yours."**
- ***Do you know what will happen?***
- **-You will begin to experience the "peace that passes understanding."**
- **You will see "the God of peace will soon crush satan underneath your feet."**
- **"I consider myself as having died and now I am enjoying a second existence which is simply Jesus using my body." Gal. 2:20 (Distilled Bible)**

- You know the truth that all the fullness of the Godhead lives inside of you
- **-“And you are complete in Him.”**
- You have to love Paul’s thoughts in **Phil. 4:13** in the **Amplified Bible**:
- **I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.**
- **Hunting and Fishing Trip Higbee**
- I hired a guide, who knew where the hogs were. In the morning verse afternoon.
- -I also Hire a guide who knew where the fish were biting in this season, Meat fish in AM and a Goliath Grouper, 350 pounds in the afternoon
- -They were our guide into unknown territory—but very well known to him
- **“the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth”**
- He knows where all the truth is.
- **690 Rhode Island Ave, Orange City**
- This vast complexity called “Charlie Coker “
- -he is in the business of manufacturing behaviors
- -and manufacturing attitudes and manufacturing goals.
- The old company called “Charlie Coker” died and went **out of business.**
- -This new company called “Charlie Coker” got a new Board of Directors.
- My innermost self, my true self, joined to Jesus Christ
- -and He is the new Board of Directors.
- That's my identity: Christ Jesus my life.
- -The New company has **new objectives, new meanings, and totally new products.**
- **Instead of all the works of the flesh it produces the fruit of the Spirit.**
- -That is our new product.
- **The new board is well and truly in place.**
- -The problem is many of the departments have not gotten the message yet.
- -And they want to keep producing all of the old stuff.
- **This is a radical change, and it is progressive.**
- **-We start off this life as babes and we must learn all over again how to live.**
- This is called renewing the mind.
- This process is accomplished by **“Knowing”**
- -Then **“considering”**
- -And **“Presenting”**
- The goal.
- To be, conformed to the very image of Jesus Christ himself.
- In order to live in the power of a truth, first, you have to **know** it.
- **Paul asks, “Don’t you know...?”**
- -Because they weren’t living like it was a reality
- **This will cause you to read the Bible differently**
- -It will **not** be, **“What do I have to do?”**
- -It will be, **“What can I now do with Christ living inside of me?”**
- The people who **know** their God will be strong and do exploits.
- -Today, it is those who **know...**
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