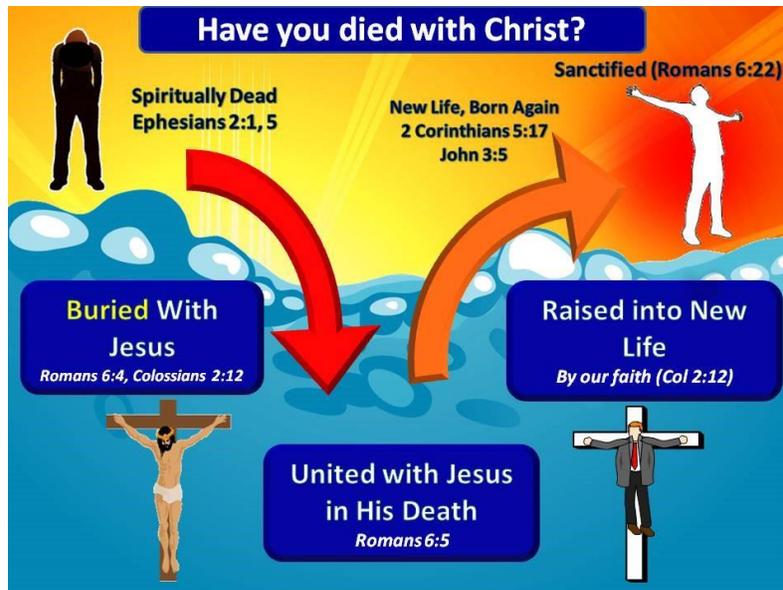


SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: TOWARD A NEW CREATION
UNIT TWO – A WORLD GONE WRONG

“A JUSTIFIED PAST LEADS TO A SANCTIFIED PRESENT”



Sunday School Lesson No. IX– July 31, 2016
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Lesson Text: Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23

Required Reading: Romans 6

Motto Text: Romans 6:4 (NLT), *“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.”*

Reliable Resources: All the Books and Chapters of the Bible (H. Lockyer); Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible (Dr. David Jeremiah); Expository Notes and Outlines on the Book of Romans (E. C. Gillentine); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; MacArthur Study Bible; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); George Brooks Preaching Commentary; Analytical Bible Expositor; Wiersbe Expository Outlines

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

According to Wiersbe’s Expository Outlines: “We move now into the third section of Romans – Sanctification (6-8). These three chapters belong together and cannot be studied independently; so it would be wise for you to read all three chapters carefully. Note that chapter 6 deals with the believer being dead to sin; chapter 7, the believer dead to the Law and chapter 8, the believer alive in Spirit-given victory.

All three chapters are an explanation of the little phrase in 5:17, “**reign in life.**” Chapter 6 tell us how sin no longer reigns over us (6:12); chapter 7 explains how the Law no longer reigns over us (7:1); and chapter 8 explains how the indwelling Spirit gives us life and liberty (8:2-4).”

Those who are true Bible-believers should concur with the 10th Article of Faith that has been present in the Baptist denomination.

“X. Sanctification

We believe the scriptures teach that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means, especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.”

This brings us to our lesson for this week in Romans chapter 6.

With a good dose of pure doctrinal substance, let us consider our three Power Points and very Biblical outline this week as we consider “**A Justified Past Leads to a Sanctified Present.**” **Anticipated Power Points:**

- **Dead and Resurrected in Christ. Romans 6:1- 4**
- **Delivered and Ruled by Christ. Romans 6:12-14**
- **Dedicated unto the Righteousness of Christ. Romans 6:17-23**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. Dead and Resurrected in Christ. Romans 6:1-4

A. A true fact. vv. 1-2

Paul presents a true concept that true believers never desire to live sinful and erroneously. Life Application Concise New Testament Commentary states: “Paul realized that his statements about God’s wonderful kindness to sinners could be interpreted to suggest that people ought to keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more kindness and forgiveness...Paul answers with an emphatic, *‘Of course not!’*”

B. A true example. vv. 3-4 (NLT), *“Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 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.”*

“Baptism is a picture of a Spiritual truth. In the very early church, baptism followed a person’s decision to trust in Christ (see, for example, Acts 2:41; 8:37; 9:18; 10:48), marking these first generation believers as followers of Christ, members of the Christian community.

Paul assumes that these Roman believers were baptized at conversion and would vividly recall the experience... They understood this form of baptism to symbolize being buried with Christ, thus the death and burial of the old way of life. Coming up out of the water symbolized resurrection to new life with Christ, as well as the promise of a future bodily resurrection – as Christ was raised from the dead, so too believers may live new lives. (Life Application Concise New Testament Commentary)

II. Delivered and Ruled by Christ. Romans 6:12-14 (NLT)

Beloved, since we are delivered, we have Christ as our new and permanent ruler and we are His servants to give obedience. Romans 6:12-14 (NLT), *“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 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. 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.”*

III. Dedicated Unto the Righteousness of Christ. Romans 6:17-23

Paul wants us to see the bottom line of our justified life as being totally dedicated to holy living in Christ because we are totally transformed. We as believers truly have not only a new life but above all a new Master to willingly and wholeheartedly serve!

“The only freedom that a person really has is the freedom to choose one’s master (Matt. 6:24). Believers have a new Master. The third step to deal with sin in a person’s life is for the believer to recognize that he is now a slave to God, and not to sin. A slave to sin will earn a wage – death. A slave to God will receive a gift – life.” Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator)

CLOSING

Remember the new relationship we as Christians now have: “Believer’s Fellowship With Christ.

1. We have fellowship in His death, Rom. 6:1-7.
2. We have fellowship in His resurrection, Rom. 6:4-10” (E. C. Gillentine)

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Looking Ahead:

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Romans 8:28-39

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