

Day 1: Freedom from Sin's Power

Romans 6:1–4 NkJV

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Theme: Dead to Sin, Alive to Christ

Paul begins by addressing a potential misunderstanding of grace: If God's grace covers our sins, should we keep on sinning so grace can abound more (v. 1)? Absolutely not! (v. 2). Those who have been baptized into Christ are baptized into His death (v. 3). The believer's union with Christ means that our old self, our sinful nature, was crucified with Him (v. 6). Through baptism, we identify with Christ's death, and as He was raised from the dead, we too are to walk in newness of life (v. 4).

Reflection Questions:

1. How does understanding baptism as identifying with Christ's death affect how you view your sin?
2. What does it mean to “walk in newness of life”?
3. How does the concept of being dead to sin impact your daily decisions?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of grace and the power of Christ's death and resurrection. Help me to truly understand that I am no longer a slave to sin but made alive in Christ. Teach me to walk in the newness of life You have given me. Strengthen me daily to choose righteousness over rebellion and to live in the freedom that comes from being united with Jesus. Let Your Spirit guide my steps and remind me of who I am in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.