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VICTORY IN JESUS

ROM 6:1-14

Displaying the Righteousness of God A Study in Romans

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If you have come to Romans 6 looking for water, you will be disappointed, for **Paul appeals to the position of the Christian as it is achieved by Spirit baptism as a reason why the Christian cannot live in sin as he formerly did.** Paul begins, "or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3). We should not expect to find water every time the word baptism occurs, for there are numerous examples of 'waterless baptism.' John the Baptist declared, "As for me, I baptize you in water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not even fit to remove His sandals; He Himself will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). Paul wrote, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). In secular Greek, the verb 'baptizo' meant not only 'to immerse' or 'to dip' but also to "cause to perish (as by drowning a man or sinking a ship)." The baptizing work of the Holy Spirit joins us to the Person and work of Christ in such a way that we participate in His work on the cross. We died with Him.

So far as our justification is concerned we were joined to the Person and work of Christ so that we participated in the death of Christ for our sins. He died in our place as our substitute. But with reference to our sanctification, Christ died to sin. **In Christ's work of justification, He delivered us from the penalty of sin; but in the death of Christ was also accomplished our sanctification whereby He delivered us from the power of sin.** This is the point Paul is making in verses 3-11. Water baptism does not secure either justification or sanctification, but it does symbolize it. When we are submerged into the baptismal water, we symbolize the fact that we died and were buried with Christ. Just as we participated in the sin of Adam and its consequences many years ago, so by the baptism of the Holy Spirit we have participated in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. **Our old self, what we were as a son of Adam, died to sin. That is, sin no longer has any claim or authority over us.** Just as the Law has no authority over a dead man, just as collection agencies do not harass a corpse, so sin no longer has a claim on the one who has died. As the sin-bearer of the world, sin had a just claim on Jesus Christ. Sin had a debt to collect. But when our Lord was crucified, He died to sin. Since sin has no claim on Christ, sin has no claim on those of us who have died to sin in Christ. Thus, our participation in the death of Christ to sin abolishes all claim sin once had on us. But **our identification with Christ does not end in death to sin; it extends to our participation in His resurrection to a new kind of life.** Not only does sin have no claim on us, but in our union with Christ we have been raised to a newness of life. Sin no longer has dominion over us and we now have a new kind of life, **a life which is capable of manifesting the righteousness of Christ.** Positionally, we are dead to sin and alive to God. Practically we dare not fall back under the dominion of sin, but must manifest a newness of life (cf. Colossians 3:1-13). On the basis of our position in Christ, Paul can not only cast aside any talk of continuing in sin, but can exhort us to demonstrate our position by the practice of personal righteousness:

Food for Thought

Do you **WALK** by
FAITH or **SIGHT**?

A faith-walker will see God's hand in all things, and express that faith by thankfulness.

We live by faith, not by sight.
2 Cor. 5:7

(supplied by a Class Member)

(adapted from "Reasoning Through Romans" by Robert L. Deffenbaugh)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

Victory through being dead to sin and baptized into Christ (1-3)

- Dead to sin means dying to our old sinful nature (Rom 8:13)
- Dead to sin means denying self and following Jesus (Luke 9:23-24)
- Dead to sin means our life is hidden in God (Col 3:3)
- Baptized into Christ through the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:13)
- Baptized into Christ through being clothed with Christ (Gal 3:27)
- Baptized into Christ through being spiritually cleansed (1 Peter 3:21)
- Baptized into Jesus' death is no longer living as we desire, but living by faith in the Son of God (Gal 2:20-21)

Victory through walking in the newness of life and being raised like Christ (4-5)

- Newness of life by being renewed in the attitude of our minds (Eph 4:23-24)
- Newness of life by living as children of light (Eph 5:8-10)
- Newness of life by living a life pleasing to God in every way (Col 1:10)
- Newness of life by being united with God (Phil 2:1)
- Victory through being raised like Christ and being seated with Him in heavenly places (Eph 2:5-7)
- Victory through being raised like Christ because it is the goal of our faith (Col 2:12)

Victory through being freed from sin (6-7)

- Freed from sin because there is no condemnation for those in Jesus (Rom 8:1-2)
- Freed from sin so we can be a slave to God's righteousness (Rom 6:18)
- Freed from sin because Jesus died to pay the ransom for our freedom (Heb 9:15)

Victory through living with Jesus (8)

- Living with Jesus is knowing God (John 17:3)
- Living with Jesus because Jesus has the life in Him (John 1:4)
- Living with Jesus because Jesus is the living bread of life (John 6:51)
- Living with Jesus because Jesus is the only one with the words of eternal life (John 6:68)

Victory through not fearing death (9-10)

- No fear of death because Jesus destroyed the last deception of Satan - the fear of death (1 Cor 15:22-28)
- No fear of death because a Christian should never fear death because Jesus promises everlasting life (John 11:26)
- No fear of death because Jesus brings life and immortality not death (2 Tim 1:10)
- No fear of death because Jesus freed us from the slavery of the fear of death (Heb 2:14-15)

Victory because sin can be avoided (11-12)

- Avoided through having the same attitude of Jesus (1 Peter 4:1)
- Avoided through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 John 3:9)
- Avoided through being born of God (1 John 5:18)
- Avoided through the fear of the Lord (Prov 16:6)
- Avoided through seeking and taking God's provided way out of temptation (1 Cor 10:13)

Victory through being called to righteousness (13-14)

- A call to righteousness that comes by dying to sins and living for righteousness (1 Peter 2:24)
- A righteousness that comes through faith (Rom 3:22)
- A righteousness that is revealed through the gospel (Rom 1:17)
- A righteousness that is counted to those who are obedient to God's word (Rom 2:13)
- A righteousness that came because God gave Jesus to pay for our sins (2 Cor 5:21)
- A righteousness that comes through the rebirth by God into true righteousness (Eph 4:22-24)