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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

In a changing world, God has called and empowered us to pursue a life that reaches out to others and honors Him

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

Father, thank You for the incredible riches of Your love and mercy. You rescued us from our dead way of living and made us alive with Christ

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*

(Matt 5:16 NKJV)

*(from "Our Daily Bread", June 29, 2016)*

**Series: Toward A New Salvation**

**UNIT: Life on God's Terms**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Safe in God's Love**

**(Rom 8:28-39)**

## **From Death to Life** **Rom 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23**

**Aim and Application of the Lesson**

The lesson reviews how through Jesus, Christians have passed **From Death to Life**. The **study's aim** is to understand that we are meant to live the new life in Jesus Christ. The **study's application** is to embrace the new life and cooperate with God in its implementation.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

**Lesson Introduction and Background**

The concern of Romans 6 is the grace of justification. If justification is all by grace through faith, and our sins are washed away through the free gift of God in the Lord Jesus, will this not lead us to freely sin all the more? If the pardon for sin is totally free, will it not take away our incentive to live righteously? Many have asked this question, and Paul provided the answer. The thought in this question fails to comprehend the powerful transition that takes place in the one who has been justified. The true Christian must and will leave behind a sinful life because of the fundamental change that his justification brings into his life. The new life we live is based in our union with Christ, which is sealed by the positional change worked into our lives through justification, First of all, we are buried with Christ, having been baptized into His death. Much ink has been spilled trying to explain what baptism this is. Is it water baptism? Is it Spirit baptism? Is it both? The context is clearly dealing with the position of the believer, so it is best to take this as a positional matter. It refers to our baptism into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). When we are justified, we are removed from the domain, or realm, of sin and put into the body of Christ. We no longer belong to sin; rather, we belong to Christ. This is our new position forever. Because of this, we begin to live a life consistent with the fact that we now belong to Christ. In connection with this, let us not overlook the meaning of the word "burial." Burial is the seal of death. It is a finality. When something is buried, that is it. It is dead; it is finished. So our old, Adamic life is finished. Our position has forever changed. We are in Christ now. Therefore we cannot go back to our old life of sin. We must move on to our new life in Christ. Next, just like Christ, we have been raised up from the dead into newness of life. Among other things, this also speaks of our new position in Christ. We are no longer dead. We have been made alive unto God. We have been joined not only to the death of Christ but also to His resurrection. This represents a fundamental change of identity. How incongruous to think of going back into a life of sin! We have been raised to new life in Jesus. Thus, justification contradicts any thought or doctrine that suggests that the believer will receive grace and use it to sin more. The true Christian will not do that. We have a new standing in Christ, and our union with Christ cancels the reign of sin over us forever. So it naturally follows that in our experience, we will live this out. We are now in Christ. The whole argument of Romans 6 affirms this (vss. 12-14, 20-23). Grace does not lead to a life of sin. On the contrary, grace raises us to a new life, a life of righteousness and holiness, seeking to live the life Christ calls us to. We have new life in Him.

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## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **From Death to New Life (Rom 6:1-4)**

#### *By not continuing in sin (1-2)*

Not continuing in sin through obeying the Bible (1 John 2:1)

Not continuing in sin by being careful whom we associate (1 Cor 15:33-34)

Not continuing in sin through the power of God's grace (Titus 2:11-12)

Not continuing in sin through holiness (1 Peter 1:15-17)

#### *By being baptized into death (3-4)*

Baptized into death to symbolize burying our sins (Col 2:12-13)

Baptized into death to symbolize death of our sinful nature (Col 3:1-3)

Baptized into death to symbolize being baptized into one body (1 Cor 12:13)

Baptized into death to symbolize being clothed with Jesus (Gal 3:27)

#### *By being raised into a new life (4)*

Raised into life to present us to God (2 Cor 4:14)

Raised into life as part of being a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)

Raised into life to be seated with Jesus in heavenly places (Eph 2:5-7)

Raised into life because God predestined some for glorification (Rom 8:30)

Raised into life so that Jesus will be glorified in His holy people (2 Thess 1:10)

Raised into life because of being God's chosen people (1 Peter 2:9-10)

### **From Instruments of Unrighteousness to Righteousness (Rom 6:12-14)**

#### *By not letting sin reign (12-13)*

Not letting sin reign in our bodies (Rom 7:23-24)

Not letting sin reign to lead us to willfully sin (Ps 19:13)

Not letting sin reign our footsteps (Ps 119:133)

Not letting sin reign through our sinful nature (Rom 8:13)

#### *By being under grace (14)*

Grace through endurance (2 Tim 2:11-13)

Grace through the first resurrection (Rev 20:6)

Grace through being in the brilliant presence of God (Rev 22:5)

Grace that provides way of living in this present age (Titus 2:11-12)

Grace from the God of all grace (1 Peter 5:10)

### **From Slaves to Sin to Slaves of Righteousness (Rom 6:17-23)**

#### *By being set free from sin (17-20)*

Free from sin through justification (Rom 3:22-24)

Free from sin so that we might have peace with God (Rom 5:1-2)

Free from sin of the trespass of Adam (Rom 5:15)

Free from sin through grace (2 Cor 8:9)

Free from sin through a gift from God (Eph 2:8)

#### *By bearing godly fruit (21-22)*

Bearing godly fruit by conducting our life in a pure and righteous way (Prov 20:11)

Bearing godly fruit by testing the influential spirit of a decision (1 John 4:1)

Bearing godly fruit by displaying the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-25)

Bearing godly fruit by doing deeds that please God (Eph 5:9-11)

Bearing godly fruit by living a life worthy of God (Col 1:9-10)

#### *Resulting in receiving the gift of eternal life (23)*

Eternal life that comes through being in Jesus (1 John 5:11-12)

Eternal life that God promised before the beginning of time (Titus 1:2)

Eternal life because of being an heir of God (Titus 3:7)

Eternal life given to display unlimited patience (1 Tim 1:16)

Eternal life given through mercy (Jude 1:21)