

Romans

(21) Sanctification

1. Study 2. Surrender 3. Service

The doctrine: The believer's position in Christ...6:5

Building on verse 4, what does Paul now assert for the believer? vs.5, 8

If we have died with Christ we certainly will rise with Him! It's absolutely certain.

How is this different from those "in Adam"? 5:16; ICor.15:22

All who are in Adam die. All who are in Christ shall be made alive! What Grace!!

1. Our first responsibility in Sanctification; (you) consider (reckon, study)...6:6-11

What is our "old self"? What is the "body of sin"? vs.6

Old self is *what we were* before salvation. The body of sin is our unredeemed body.

So what does verse 6a say? (done away with = render powerless)

What we were was crucified with Him so that our sinful flesh might be rendered powerless.

What is the resulting relationship for the believer to sin? vs.6b

The true believer is no longer a slave to sin. Sin is no longer our master, vs.14.

How does Paul identify himself with this doctrine? Gal.2:20

He was crucified with Christ but still lives in the flesh, not him, but Christ lives in him...

And why is it that the believer is freed from sin's mastery? vs.7; 7:1

Anyone who has died has been freed from sin's control. Sin's ultimate penalty is paid.

What is the believer next to consider (know, understand)? vs.9

Christ, raised from the dead, cannot die again. Death has no more mastery over Him.

Since Christ lived a sinless life, how did death have mastery over Him? IICor.5:21

1. He submitted to the penalty of (our) sin, death. 2. He died to the power of sin, for us.

And Paul's concluding teaching about Christ's death and life? vs.10

Christ's death (to sin) was once for all, but the life He now lives is to God.

Sanctification step #1: Therefore, in the same way, the believer is to do what? vs.11 Gal.2:20

We are to consider, study, reckon ourselves dead to sin but alive to God (IN CHRIST).

How does Paul teach this same thing to the Ephesians? Eph.2:1-10

We were dead (in Adam), totally controlled by sin, but now, made ALIVE in Christ...

And how does he teach it to the Colossians? Col.2:8-14

Buried with Him (in baptism), raised with Him. Live like it! Don't be deceived, vs.8.

Why is this step, KNOW, so critical for a believer?

Believers are constantly barraged by lies. Alive, in Christ, is foundational to living!

What are some of the reasons believers don't understand this?

Not obvious, must be believed, by faith. No outward physically observable evidence.