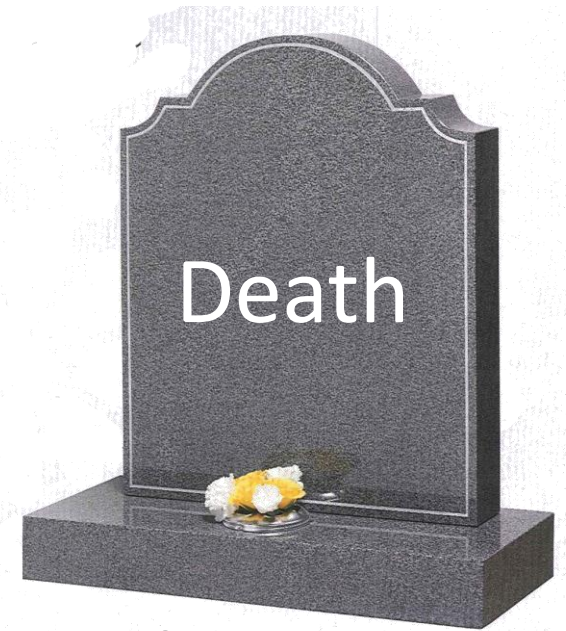


ROMANS

Chapter 6:1-11

The First Principle of the Christian Life:
Fellowship in the Death and New Life of Christ

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“Through one man sin entered the world and death through sin...”

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“Much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ overflow to many...”

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- Through Adam's sin Death entered the world
- Through Jesus sacrifice, not only did He erase Adam's sin, He erased ALL OUR SIN's
 - The difference is not "tit for tat" but Jesus' sacrifice was SO MUCH MORE than Adam's sin – yes it erased Adam's sin, but it also erased the sins of MANY.
 - Jesus didn't just undo what Adam did – He undid what WE ALL DID.

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- False Inference from 5:20 repudiated
 - Paul vigorously refutes the idea that just because grace is more than sufficient to cover all sin that Christians should live sinfully that grace may abound
 - God forbid! – Far from it! – May it not be so!
 - Paul refutes that inference in the strongest way possible

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- Death to sin inconsistent with Life in sin
 - How can a Christian contemplate living in sin?
 - It would compare to a living dead person
 - This is Paul's first reference to a death to sin
 - He has spoken of the death of Christ for sin (4:25)
 - And the death of Christ for sinners (5:6,8)
- Death to sin was a part of faith

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- Death to sin unfolded: **When** it took place - It's results
 - Baptism into death
 - We share His death in order to share His resurrection life
 - He laid down His life, not to stay dead, but to take it again – John 10:17

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- For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death...
 - Vs 5 – United together – *sumphutos* – grown together
- Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him
 - Vs 6 – our sinful man united with Him in His death to do away that life dominated by sin

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- For the one who has died is freed from sin
 - Freedom from sin is the spiritual death of that old man in baptism
 - Baptism is of the essence of faith, and certainly not something inconsistent with faith
 - The death of sin is not placed by Paul prior to baptism
 - Baptism being immersion or “burial” -

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- Sharing the new life of Christ
 - We died with Christ so now we LIVE WITH CHRIST
 - He (we) died to sin on the cross.
 - Baptism is the means by which this is accomplished
- Once for all
 - Once the penalty was paid, Jesus was done with death forever. “death is no longer His master”
- He lives to God
 - He lives life resurrected. Death has no claim on Him

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- A Christian's position in Christ in view of the facts presented
 - A Christian must consider himself dead to sin and alive unto God in Christ.
 - What Christ did applies to the Christian
 - What was true of Christ becomes true of the Christian who is in Christ.

Next week

- Imperatives consistent with the position in Christ
- Grace is not a license to commit sin
- Romans 12-23