

March 31, 2024 – Resurrection Sunday

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Romans 6:1-14

Easter 2024: Dead to Sin – Alive to God!

Romans 1-4 – Gospel: Justification by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Jesus Christ Alone

Romans 5-8 – Security & Certainty because of the Gospel

Romans 6 – What is a Believer’s New Relationship to Sin?

1. **Question** (1-2) - ¹ What shall we say then? **Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?** ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

2. **Identification** (3-10) - ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized **into** Christ Jesus have been baptized **into** His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried **with** Him through baptism **into** death, so that **as** Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so **we too** might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become **united** with *Him in* the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified **with** *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died **with** Christ, we believe that we shall also live **with** Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

3. **Application** (11-14) - ¹¹ Even so **consider** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and **do not go on presenting** the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but **present** yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Discussion Questions & Application:

1. Why did Pastor Paul say that the true Gospel of Jesus Christ seems “**inconceivable**?” What is so amazing about salvation by grace alone through faith alone in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone? Why is that Good News?
2. Why do people celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ? How is it relevant for people nearly 2,000 years later?
3. What is **sin**? What is a person’s relationship to sin if they don’t know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? (Romans 3:10-23; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3; James 2:10; 3:2; 1 John 1:8-10)
4. What would you say to a person who says that since they are saved by grace and know for sure they are going to heaven, they are free to sin as much as they want? What are they misunderstanding about God’s grace? About salvation? About heaven?
5. What does it mean that true believers have died to sin? When did that happen? How does water baptism picture dying to sin and rising to a new life?
6. What does it mean that we have been united to Jesus Christ? What are the implications of that relationship?
7. How does knowing that Jesus Christ will never die again provide security for us that we will live forever with Him?
8. Romans 6:11-14 lists the first four commands in the entire letter. But this is not religion where if you do these things you can earn your way to heaven. These commands apply to those who have acknowledged that they are spiritually bankrupt because of their sin and cannot earn their way to heaven. They realize that Jesus died to pay the penalty for their sins and rose from the dead conquering sin and death. By God’s grace, they have turned from sin (repentance) and trusted in Jesus Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection on their behalf (faith). Have you repented of your sin and put your trust in Jesus Christ alone? Romans 10:9-10 says, “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” If the Spirit of God is opening your eyes to understand the Gospel of Jesus, believe in Jesus as risen Savior, and confess Him publicly as Lord of your life.
9. If you are dead to sin and alive to God, what specific applications can you make for each of these commands? How can your life show the world that God has graciously, miraculously, amazingly, inconceivably changed you?
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