

# Romans 6:1-12

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- ⦿ In Romans 5 and 6, Paul uses at least a dozen similes, metaphors and analogies
- ⦿ He does this to illustrate some things that are (possibly) harder to understand in terms of other things that are (hopefully) easier to understand
- ⦿ We should keep this in mind in our study so we can understand the difficult teachings in light of the simpler ones

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## ☪ **Romans 5:15**

- But the gift is not like the trespass.
- For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

## ☪ **Romans 5:16**

- Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin:
- The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

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## ☉ **Romans 5:17**

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

## ☉ **Romans 5:18**

Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

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## ☉ **Romans 5:19**

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

## ☉ **Romans 5:21**

so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

- ☉ **Romans 6:4**

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# Introduction

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- In chapter 5, we saw that sin and death came into the world (and each of us) through Adam
- We also saw that we went from death to life by God's grace
  - What Adam did, Christ undid, and more!
- Chapter 5 deals with the salvation of the sinner (justification); chapter 6 deals with holy living (sanctification)

# Justification and Sanctification

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- “Justification is the means; sanctification is the end”
- “Justification is for us; sanctification is in us”
- “Justification declares the sinner righteous; sanctification makes the saint righteous”
- “Justification removes the guilt and penalty of sin; sanctification removes the growth and power of sin”
- Justification speaks of Christ as Savior; Sanctification speaks of Christ as Lord!

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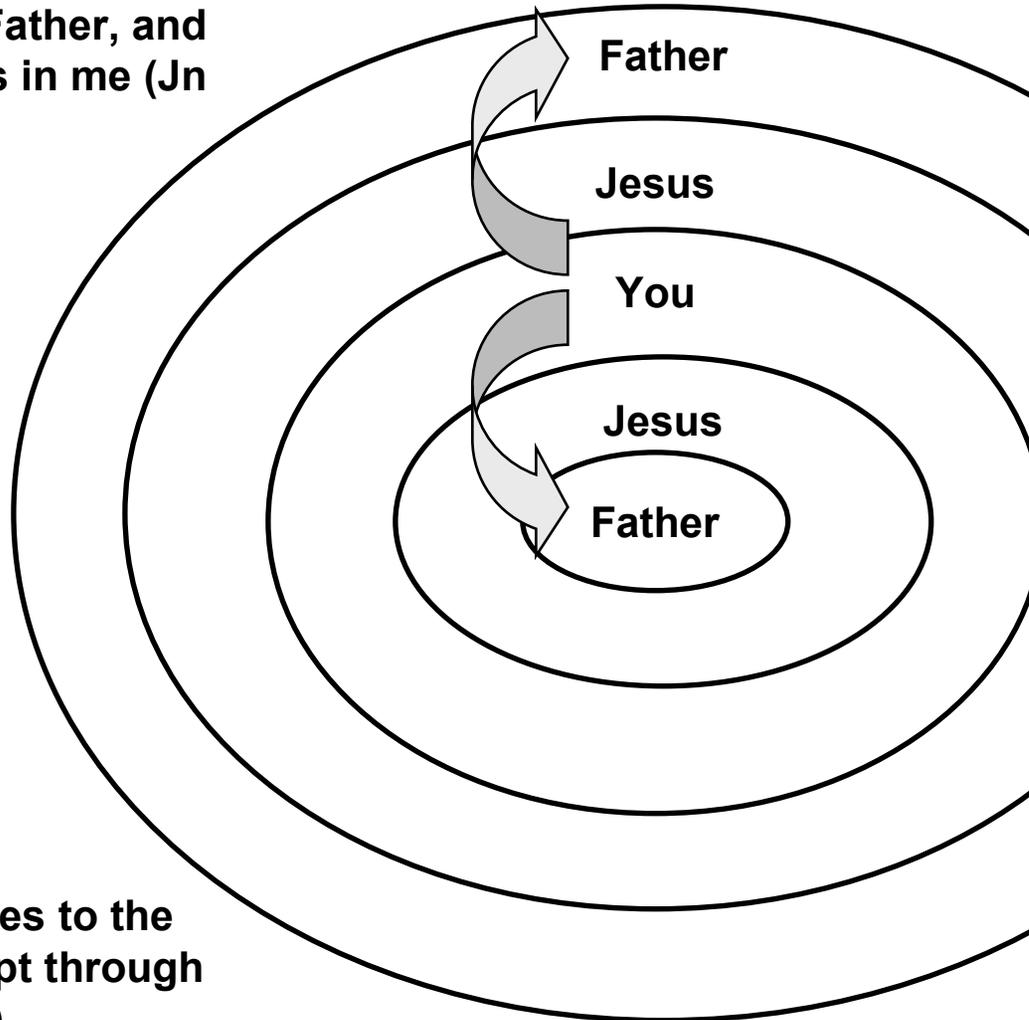
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# Identified With Christ

**I am in the Father, and the Father is in me (Jn 14:10)**



**You are in me, and I am in you (Jn 14:20)**

**...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:27)**

**No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6)**

**For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Col. 3:3-4**

# Dead to Sin

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And so the phrase **died to sin** expresses the fundamental premise of this entire chapter in Romans, the rest of which is essentially an elaboration of that cardinal reality. It is impossible to be alive in Christ and also still be alive to sin. It is not that a believer at any moment before going to be with Christ is totally without sin, but that from the moment he is born again he is totally separated from the controlling power of sin, the sin life from which Christ died to deliver him.

John MacArthur

# Romans 6:1-4

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- If we're covered by God's grace, why not continue to sin? (v.1)
- We're dead to sin! (v.2; cf. 1Jn 3:9)
- We've been baptized into Christ and into His death (vv.3-4)
  - Not water baptism, but identification with Christ (see 1Cor 12:13, 1Cor 10:2; Heb 11:29)
- Further, our identification with Christ's resurrection is the means by which we may live a new life (v.4) (see Eph 1:18-22)

# Romans 6:5-7

- Our union with Christ gives us a hope of our resurrection (v.5) (cf. 1Co 15:44b)
- Our old self was crucified with Christ (v.6) (cf. Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:9-10)
  - The “old self” or “old man” is your former identity
  - The “new self” is your new identity
- *So that the body of sin might be done away with* (v.6)
  - “Done away with” renders *katargeo*, meaning “to render inoperative or invalid,” to make something ineffective by removing its power or control”

# One Nature or Two?

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- What's more *natural* for you: Sin or Holiness?
- You have experienced both a death and a new birth
  - Your old self was crucified with Christ (Ro 6:6,8)
  - You are a new creation (2Co 5:17; Gal 6:15; cf. Eph 4:24; Col 3:9)
- A house divided against itself cannot stand (Mk 3:25; Lk 11:17)

# Romans 6:5-7

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- ⊕ *That we should no longer be slaves to sin*  
(v.6)
  - Not that the Christian is no longer capable of sin, but that he is no longer under the compulsion and tyranny of sin
- ⊕ *Anyone who has died has been freed from sin*  
(v.7)
  - The Christian is free in the sense of having moved to another jurisdiction no longer under sin's authority

# Romans 6:8-9

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- *We believe that we will also live with him (v.8)*
  - Obviously suggests our ultimate resurrection after Christ
  - Also suggests--in this context--our living with him in this present life (John 14:19)
- *Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him (v.9) (cf. Ac 2:24; Rev 1:18)*

# Romans 6:10-12

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- Christ died to sin and lives to God (v.10)
  - Christ died to the penalty of sin
  - Christ died to the power of sin
- In the same way, we should count (reckon) ourselves dead to sin but alive to God (v.11)
  - *logizomai* literally means to number or count
  - We died to the penalty of sin (justification)
  - We died to the power of sin (sanctification)
- Having so reckoned, we should not let sin reign, that we should obey its lusts (v.12)
  - We'll discuss the Christian's struggle with sin in chapter 7 (cf. Gal 5:16-17)

# The Final Reckoning

Paul is not speaking here of a psychological mind game, by which we keep affirming something over and over until we are convinced against our better judgment or even against reality that it is true. We know we are dead to sin and alive to God because God's Word declares it so. [MacArthur, 335]

“What could be more frustrating than being a Christian who thinks himself primarily a self-centered sinner, yet whose purpose in life is to produce God-centered holiness? [David Needham, *Birthright: Christian, Do You Know Who You Are?*, Multnomah, 1979, p.29]

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