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United in Christ

ROMANS 6:3–10

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

READ | ROMANS 6:3–10

THINK ABOUT

Central to living a life of holiness is an understanding that believers are united with Christ.

We are not only united with Christ in His death but also united with Him in His resurrection (vv. 3, 5).

Now we are no longer to live in sin but are to “walk in newness of life” (v. 4).

Through our union with Christ, we are set free from the power and authority (dominion) of sin.

APPLY

The unbeliever has no choice but to sin, but followers of Jesus have been set free from the power of sin.

Consider areas of holiness and unholiness in your life.

Each day consider yourself “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (v. 11).

We have died to sin, but sin has not died to us!

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ASK

Union with Christ is at the heart of Paul's understanding of the believers' sanctification. How would you explain this "union with Christ."

Is Paul referring to water baptism or Spirit baptism (v. 4)?

Discuss some areas in your life where there is evidence of this "newness of life."

PRAY

Thank God for the new life you have in Jesus Christ.

Ask God to help you live a life of holiness where you are no longer slaves to sin but are alive to God.



"Before the Throne of God Above" — *Bancroft*

HYMN

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.” — ISAIAH 26:3–4

“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” — ACTS 4:11–12

Rock of Ages

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2. Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
3. No - thing in my hand I bring, Simp - ly to the cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy wound - ed side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the doub - le cure; Save from wrath and make me pure.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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