

You Resurrected with Christ

Living the Christian Life, Lesson 3

Living the Christian Life is a Bible study series that explores Paul's teaching about Christian growth and sanctification in Romans 6:1–8:17.

Introductory Thoughts

After a lengthy discussion of the need for and basis of justification by grace through faith in Christ (i.e., salvation or conversion), Paul now explains how this same truth should transform our mindset and lifestyle as Christians (i.e., sanctification or Christian growth). The believer's close identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection places him or her in a new position. He is no longer a slave to sin but serves Jesus Christ instead.

Passage: Romans 6:8-11

In English (NKJV)

- v.8 Now **if** we died with Christ, we **believe** that we shall also **live with Him**,
- v.9 **Knowing** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies **no more**. Death **no longer has dominion** over Him.
- v.10 For the death that He died, He died to sin **once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.
- v.11 **Likewise** you also, **reckon** yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Greek

- v.8 **ει** δε απεθανομεν συν χριστω **πιστευομεν** οτι και **συζησομεν** αυτω
- v.9 **ειδοτες** οτι χριστος εγερθεις εκ νεκρων **ουκετι** αποθνησκει θανατος αυτου **ουκετι κυριευει**
- v.10 ο γαρ απεθανεν τη αμαρτια απεθανεν **εφαπαξ** ο δε ζη ζη τω θεω
- v.11 **ουτως** και υμεις **λογιζεσθε** εαυτους νεκρους μεν ειναι τη αμαρτια ζωντας δε τω θεω εν χριστω ιησου τω κυριω ημων

Key Words and Insights

Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006) together with an interlinear Bible, like *The NKJV Greek English Interlinear New Testament* (Thomas Nelson, 1994) is an excellent way to get accurate definitions for your Bible study based upon Greek and Hebrew meanings.

- *If* (ει):

- *Believe* (πιστεύω):
- *Live with* (συζάω):
- *Knowing* (οἶδα):
- *No more / no longer* (οὐκέτι):
- *Have dominion* (κυριεύω):
- *Once for all* (ἐφάπαξ):
- *Likewise* (οὕτως):
- *Reckon* (λογίζομαι):

Questions for Meditation and Reflection

1. In what way did we “die with Christ”?
2. What does “we shall also live with him” refer to?
3. Why is it important for us to believe or trust in this personal, spiritual reality?
4. In your own words, describe the truth or concept that Paul says we should come to know and understand in an insightful and profound way?
5. What is it that can never exercise authority or power over Christ ever again? Which words in vv. 9-10 make this abundantly clear?
6. For what purpose does he live today and forever?
7. What does this reality about Jesus mean for our lives as believers and why?

Questions for Personal Application

1. We know that the gospel is God’s good news of salvation from sin and death through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Yet how well do you depend on this message (the gospel) for your sanctification and spiritual growth?
2. Why do we easily detach the truth of the gospel from our daily practice?

3. How does the finality of Christ's death and resurrection in breaking the authority of sin and death motivate you to live for God and avoid sin?

4. How can you "reckon" or "count on" the resurrection of Christ in your daily life?