

Union with Christ

Sermon 15 in the Romans Series

Romans 6:1-8

Baptism as we believe the Scriptures teach is Believer's or Disciples baptism – by immersion

The force of the passage is spiritual baptism or regeneration.

A pastor from the past century said, “Our spiritual history began at the cross.

We were there in the sense that in God's sight we were joined to Him who actually suffered on it. The time element should not disturb us, because if we sinned in Adam, it is equally possible to have died to sin with Christ.”

Now we are talking about sanctification.

The Beginning of the sanctification process is regeneration.

Sanctification can be understood in its completed form (as if we were already perfect) and also progressive (being made more and more into the image of Christ).

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

I. Free Grace is often Misunderstood 6:1

The illustration of Luke 7:36-50

II. Dead to Sin! 6:2-8

We are no longer slaves of sin.

We have become slaves of Christ. (see Rom. 6:18)

■ An extended illustration.

At one time you and I had a master – and that master was sin.

We were slaves to sin – and could only be freed by Christ.

The way that was accomplished is by being dead to sin and freed from its slavery.

We were raised up with Christ in His resurrection. This gives us a new life in Christ and a new Master. We are no longer under the law's condemnation or mastery.

III. Union with Christ 6:3-8

v. 5 - **united** = *symphytoi* -- a branch being grafted into another branch.

The Christian has died to sin and lives to God! 6:7-8