

Romans 6:1-14
Crucified with Christ

United to Christ ...

I. We Died

- A. Baptized into His Death
- B. Crucified with Him
- C. Dead to Sin

IN CHRIST

II. We Live

- A. Ingrafted into His Life
- B. Resurrected with Him
- C. Alive to God

... walking in newness.

Children, Listen ...

1. Jesus is the one who died on the cross but whose sins were forgiven by His death?
2. Could anyone else's death ever take away sin?
3. People without Jesus are slaves to sin. Are Christians slaves of sin too?
4. If Jesus died for our sin, how should we feel about sin in our life?
5. If God saved us from our sins through Jesus, do you think we should want to live in a way that pleases Him?

Death, Life and True Liberty

In the previous section Paul explained that in Adam there is only death and in Christ alone there is life. He is referring to the inheritance we receive in one covenant or the other. The apostle intensifies the idea of the bond of our participation in the covenant with Christ by emphasizing the spiritual union we have with Him in His atoning work. Make no mistake; Christ is the one who does the saving work by giving His holy life as an offering and then rising to life in glorious victory. But infinitely vital for us is the fact that He shared the merits what He accomplished intimately with us – so much so that Paul can describe us as having both been crucified with Christ and raised with Him! Just as death could not hold Him and sin had no dominion over Him, so in Him we are delivered from the reign of death and the bondage of sin. It through the assured confidence that our sin is forgiven once and for all by Christ's work and our union with Him in the power of His death and His resurrection that we can freely and joyfully walk in newness of life. In Christ we die, in Christ we live and then and only then do we have true liberty to live to God.