

Session #18: “ARE YOU BAPTIZED?”— *Romans 6:1-5*

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Does God’s grace abound because we sin? Or in spite of our sin?
- Do you think that justification is an act of God or man? Do you think that sanctification is an act of God or man? Are justification and sanctification inseparable?
- Did Jesus’ work on the cross free us from the consequences of sin (with regard to God’s wrath concerning sin)? From the control of sin? From the presence of sin?
- Are you sanctified by the Spirit of our God or by our own works? Are we to be obedient to God? Are we made holy by that obedience?
- Does verse 6:2 teach that sin died? Did we die to sin’s control over us? Do we still have a sin nature (depravity)? Do we still sin?
- Does the Bible teach private baptism?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - *Romans 1:18-8:39*

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

- **Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25**

The word “sin” appears 17 times in chapter 6; the word “law” is used 19 times in chapter 7; In chapter 6, forms of the first person singular “I” appear just once, but in chapter 7, they appear 47 times! (The key word of chapter 8 is “Spirit” - used 21 times)

- 1A. **OUR REALIZATION OF CERTAIN FACTS** - 6-10

1B. **The PROBLEMS that develop** - 1-2 - “*What shall we say then?*” - cf. 6:15; 7:7; 8:31

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

1C. **As to God’s Purposes** - 1- cf. 5:20

Note: **God’s grace does not abound because we sin**; it **abounds in spite** of our sin and even **if we don’t sin!** 2 Cor. 9:8 Justification (declared righteous and set apart from the consequences of sin) and Sanctification (set apart from the control of sin) **are inseparable** - **both are rooted** in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. When, the day, we become Christians, we are **separated immediately** for the **control and consequences of sin**. (**Extremes- Beware of legalism! Beware of “license to do whatever we want to do”!** Hebrews 12:14 makes it clear that without holiness, no one will see the Lord. (Rom. 6:19, 22 - the word “holiness” is our word “sanctification.”) According to 1 Cor. 6:9-11, all true believers are already “sanctified.” Hebrews 10:10 says that we have been “sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Heb. 10:14 adds that “by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” In John 17:17, Jesus said, “Sanctify them through Your truth; Your word is truth.” The word “sanctify” **is an aorist tense (happened once in the past, when you were born again!)** in Greek. The same is true of Ephesians 5:26 - “that He might sanctify (aorist tense, again, which occurred on the cross) and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.”

Rom 6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

2C. **As to our Practice** – 2 - **Sin did not die!** **We died to its control over us!** “*God forbid*” - May it

never be! – used 14 times in Paul’s letters, 9 of which are in *Romans* - 3:4, 6, 31; 6:2, 15; 7:7, 13; 9:14; 11:1, 11. Sin rears its ugly head and Satan tries to convince you that you are still under its control! He gets you to think about your performance. Does a dead corpse respond to sin?

1D. It is clear that we still have a sin (noun) nature (depravity) - cf. 1 John 1:8

2D. It is clear that we still do sin (verb) - (individual acts) - cf. 1 John 1:10

3D. It is also quite clear that genuine believers do not make a practice of sinning - cf. 1 John 3:9; 5:18; Gal. 5:16-17 If we are true believers we have an awareness that there is a war going on! – evidence of being born again! Are you miserable when you sin?

2B. The PRINCIPLES that deliver us - 3-10 - Baptism, Crucifixion and Resurrection

1C. The principle of Baptism (immersion) - 3-5 - The word “*baptism*” in its various forms is used 126 times in the NT; there are 21 usages in the Greek LXX. A related word “*to wash*” (Greek: *louo*) is used 10 times in the NT and 46 times in the Greek OT. *Louo* describes the effect of washing = cleansing *Baptizo* describes the method of washing = dipping or immersion.

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know (by experience) that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

1D. The reality of the symbol – 3 - cf. 1 Peter 3:20-21 - “as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ -were baptized into His death”

Note: There are five kinds of “*baptism*” in the Bible:

(1) Figurative - 1 Cor. 10:2

(2) Suffering - Matt. 20:22-23

(3) Fire (Hell/judgment) - Matt. 3:11-12

(4) Spirit - Acts 1:5

(5) Water - Acts 8:36-38

Note: Why should true believers be baptized in water?

(1) Because it is a Divine command - Matt. 28:19

(2) Because it is a public confession - Acts 8:35-38; cf. 1 Peter 3:21

(3) Because it is a symbolic cleansing - Acts 2:38; 22:16

(4) Because it is a spiritual celebration - Rom. 6:3-5 (celebrating your identification with Jesus-You (your depravity) have died, been buried, and have been resurrected to a new life in Jesus Christ!)

Rom 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2D. The reason for this truth – 4 - “even so we also should walk in newness of life” -cf. Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 2:9-15

1E. A new heart - Ezek. 36:26

2E. A new spirit - Ezek. 18:31

3E. A new name - Rev. 2:17

4E. A new creature - 2 Cor. 5:17

5E. A new man - Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10

6E. A new song - Psalms 40:3

7E. A new commandment - John 13:34-35 – Even, one day - “a new Jerusalem” - Rev. 21

Rom 6:5 For if (since) we have been united (to grow) together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

3D. The reassurance of new life – 5 - “For if...” (Greek: *ei* w/indicative) It’s a fact - “Since we have been...” “united together” - rather “to grow together” - also means “to unite” – We believers don’t need to be defeated!!! We have a new DNA!! We are new creatures in Christ! Ezek. 36:26; Ezek. 18:31; Rev. 2:17; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psalm 40:3; John 13:34-35