

## 0. Prelude

### A. Born like the descendents of Adam

1. Born sinners and were have died (perishable seed **1 Peter 1:23**)
2. Sinners by commission and omission

### B. Born by Holy Spirit because of our faith in Christ

1. Born again
2. Changed hearts **Ezekiel 11:19 ... I will remove the heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh** or remove a hard heart, replaced with soft heart
  - a. goes on to say in **Ezekiel 11:20 that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.**
3. Renewed minds **Romans 12:2 ...be transformed by the renewal of your mind**
4. Nicely wrapped in in **Titus 3:4-6 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,**

### C. Punch

1. You are dead, dead, dead, dead
2. Your dead self is really dead
3. Because you have accepted Jesus Christ to come into your heart, be your Lord and Saviour...
4. Guess what, you are dead.

### D. We all have to answer this question:

1. What are the effects of this changed heart and renewed mind by Christ?  
-or-
2. Can we keep on sinning and doing what we wanna do?
3. We know the Christianese answer. Let us make the answer biblically by beating it to submission

## I. Dead to Sin

### A. Can we keep on sinning since God is going to forgive us anyway?

1. **Romans 5:20-21 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
2. Law does not and did not conquer sin.

a. clearly laid out in **Romans 5:20**

b. let scripture interpret scripture and say that verse 20 can be backed up by nearly all the scriptures from **Exodus 20 to Malachi 4.**

i. Exodus - Moses just get Laws including the Ten Commandments and plans for the Tabernacle straight from God Himself... only to find that the Israelites totally forgotten that they have been rescued and instead want to worship a gold cow

ii. Judges - People were wicked, God rises up a judge. People become wicked again, God rises up a judge. Despite the weight of leadership and headship upon the man, this vicious cycle continue so many times that God had to raise a woman by the name of Deborah in order to judge the God's people (Not saying that women cannot lead but this was a bit out of the ordinary compared to the rest of the Bible. That is all I am saying.)

iii. We can go on and on throughout all the OT

**Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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.**

B. Unpack this passage:

1. Paul expounds this by taking it to the cross **Romans 6:2 How can we who died to sin still live in it?**

2. **Romans 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**

a. Is this talking about water baptism?

b. Who baptizes us into Christ Jesus?

c. This is clearly talking about baptism by blood or salvation

3. **Romans 6:4 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,...**

a. Now we how water baptism (an outward, physical symbol) tells the world that we have died to sin along with the death of Christ

b. when we rise up out of the water, we rise up just as Christ had risen from the dead by the glory of the Father

4. **Romans 6:4 ... we too might walk in newness of life.**

a. When I first read these four verses, I was like "how? how do you want in the newness of life?"

b. Paul doesn't answer "how do you..." but he really answers "how is it... ?"

c. or "How is it that we are able to walk in the newness of life?"

## II. BFFs with Jesus

**Romans 6:5-11** *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. 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

A. United and it feels so good:

**Romans 6:5** *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.*

1. Accepting Christ is essentially dying with Christ (who became all of our sin) and rising with Christ

B. You died with Christ:

**Romans 6:6-7** *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. For one who has died has been set free from sin.*

1. This is why Jesus said in:

**Matthew 16:24-26** *Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"*

2. Jesus is saying, "I need you to die. I need you to deny your flesh. I need you to die to the things of this world. I need you to die to things that argue against your conscience. I need you to die to your wicked heart. I need you to die to your sinful nature. I need you to die to your old self so I can give you new life. A life that does not die. A life that is truly fulfilled unlike in the past where the things of the world gave you a taste of fulfillment but did a really crappy job of doing it. You are trying to hold on to your life, your career, your spouse, your kids, your money, your world. You want life? Die to those things and come follow me."

3. Jesus became all of our sin and therefore had to die.

4. Jesus was raised from the death in that we, too, would have life, all for the glory of God.

5. No longer are we in bondage to sin.

C. Dying once was good enough:

***Romans 6:8-9 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.***

1. Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit and for the glory of God, was raised from death into life proving that death has no dominion over you. Just like Satan, demons, sin and death no longer have dominion on this earth. It was conquered once and for all by Jesus Christ. You die with Him, you will be given a new life by him and you are no longer under authority by Satan, demons, sin and death. Forever.

D. Coffee cup verse of the week:

***Romans 6:10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.***

1. Jesus death took all of our sins with him to death. His resurrection crushes the head of Satan and fully conquers all of Satan, demons... all of sin and death.

E. Therefore...

***Romans 6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.***

1. So you died with Christ, you rose with Christ, given a new life by Christ, Christ changes your heart and gives you a renewed mind

2. You are dead to sin.

3. You cannot be alive to sin and alive to Christ ***Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other...***