

Christianity is a Matter of Death and Life

Romans 6:1-14

Introduction...

- We look back to chapter five to find the important context of the words we read for our sermon text.
cf. Romans 5:20-21
- Know this and know it well...the Grace of God is more than sufficient to cover all our sins!
- Chapter six opens with Paul carrying out an argument with an imaginary opponent to demonstrate how GRACE has increased because of sin.
- Paul's imaginary opponent tries to make the case that we could/should sin even more because of grace.
- God's Grace is for us IN CHRIST!
- Paul uses Baptism to explain or demonstrate how Christianity is a matter of Death and Life.

Part I – Baptized Into Death...(Vss. 2-3)

- It is through baptism that we experience the benefits of Christ's death on the cross.
- Part of this dying to sin is to turn away from it and to cease living in it.
- Most importantly, dying to sin is to live eternal life.

- Once a slave dies, his master has no more control over him and so also with sin in our lives.
- While baptism does not guarantee immunization from sin, we do live in the victory that is ours IN CHRIST!
cf. Vss. 6-7, 11-14

Part II – Walking in the Newness of Life...(Vss. 4-11)

- Not only does baptism bring an end to sin, but in baptism we also experience life.
cf. Vss. 4, 8, 11
- Reborn— John 3:5-7, Re-created—2 Corinthians 5:17, and Resurrected—Romans 6:4.
- God has always wanted His people to experience life...
cf. Deuteronomy 30:19-20, John 10:10, John 11:25-26

Part III – Daily We Experience both Death and Life...Vss 11-14)

- Being baptized into Christ is more than just religion...
- Daily we die to selfish pursuits, resentment, wrath, etc

Conclusion/Review...

- In the death of Jesus Christ the power of sin has been broken. We are no longer held by the Satan's power.
- Therefore we live to serve and to honor our Savior Jesus Christ.

(tuck these notes in your Bible for review and encouragement)