

Romans 6:1–6, 11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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.

¹¹Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Made Alive

When the Bible speaks about the state of the unsaved, its message is not optimistic. It doesn't speak of the sinner as simply "sick" or "misguided." Instead, God says that they are "dead in their trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). Sounds pretty hopeless, right? Let's take a look at what Romans 6 says about what God did to remedy humanity's hopeless state.

1. Read Romans 6:1–6, 11 and draw a circle around every reference to **CHRIST JESUS** including pronouns (*his, him*).

Reflect: What do you learn from marking Christ Jesus?

2. Read the passage again and underline every reference to **DEATH** including (*died, dead*).

Reflect: What are those who are in Christ dead to? How does this affect how believers should view sin and what must be remembered about sin?

3. Read the passage one more time and draw a box around all references to **LIFE** including (*live, alive*).

Reflect: Who have believers been made alive to? How are they supposed to walk?

Through God uniting you into Christ's death and resurrection, you are alive to Him and no longer dead *in* sin, but are now dead *to* sin! Take some time this week to praise God for raising you from the dead and ask Him how you can truly "walk in newness of life" every day!