

# The Fruit of Grace

## Romans 6:1-14

### Introduction

#### I The Two Responses to Grace

- A. Go on sinning? **NO!** – 1 Jn 3:9
  - 1. We **died** to sin – Col 3:3; 1 Pet 2:24
  - 2. We aren't to live in it any **longer** – Col 3:5, 9-10
- B. Stop sinning? **YES!**
  - 1. The rationale for the change is found in baptism
    - a. We were **buried** with Christ into death – Col 2:2
    - b. We were raised with Christ from the dead – Eph 2:6
    - c. We are to **live** a new life in Christ – Eph 4:22-24

#### II The Significance of Baptism

- A. If we have been **united** with Christ in His death
  - 1. We will be united with Christ in **resurrection** – 2 Tim 2:11
    - a. Our old self was **crucified** with Christ – Gal 2:20
      - 1. To do away with the **body** of sin
      - 2. To do away with the **slavery** to sin – Rom 6:18
- B. If we have been united with Christ in His death
  - 1. We will also **live** with Christ
    - a. Who was raised from the dead – Acts 2:24a
    - b. Who cannot die again – Acts 2:24b
    - c. Who is no longer mastered by death – Rev 1:18
  - 2. We are no longer under the **mastery** of death
    - a. The death He died He died to sin once for all
    - b. The life He lives He lives to God

#### III The Fruit of Baptism

- A. A new way of **thinking** – Col 3:10
  - 1. Count yourselves dead to sin
  - 2. Count yourselves alive to God in Christ Jesus – 1 Cor 10:13
- B. A new way of **living**
  - 1. Don't let sin reign in your bodies – Col 3:1
  - 2. Don't obey its evil desires – Gal 5:24
  - 3. Don't offer the parts of your body to sin

- a. As instruments of unrighteousness
- 4. Offer the parts of your body to God
  - a. As those who have been brought from death to life
- 5. Offer the parts of your body – Rom 12:1
  - a. As instruments of righteousness – 1 Pet 2:24
- C. A new way of **yielding**
  - 1. Sin will not be your master
    - a. You are not under **law** – Rom 7:4-6
    - b. You are under **grace** – Rom 3:24

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Have you ever taken advantage of the grace of God? What happened? What were the results? How did Paul respond to this kind of attitude toward God's grace?
2. The word "death" is mentioned 15 times in verses 1-14. How is your new life dependent upon Christ's death and resurrection?
3. How can you practically apply the teaching found in verses 11-13? What should be your motivation?
4. What does Paul say you should "know" in verses 9-11? And what are you to do in light of this knowledge? Does your life reflect this knowledge? Why or why not?
5. What difference does Paul's teaching make in your attitude towards sin and temptation in your life? Are you a helpless, hopeless victim of sin? Why or why not?
6. How would you describe your use of the body God has given you? As a vehicle of righteousness or unrighteousness? What steps do you need to take to make it one of righteousness?
7. What will you specifically do this week to count yourself dead to sin and alive to Christ? If you could bury one thing with Christ forever, what would it be? Is there anything standing in your way from doing that right now?

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