

The Fruit of Grace

Romans 6:1-14

Introduction

I The Two Responses to Grace

- A. Go on sinning? ____! – 1 Jn 3:9
 - 1. We ____ to sin – Col 3:3; 1 Pet 2:24
 - 2. We aren't to live in it any ____ – Col 3:5, 9-10
- B. Stop sinning? ____!
 - 1. The rationale for the change is found in baptism
 - a. We were ____ with Christ into death – Col 2:2
 - b. We were raised with Christ from the dead – Eph 2:6
 - c. We are to ____ a new life in Christ – Eph 4:22-24

II The Significance of Baptism

- A. If we have been ____ with Christ in His death
 - 1. We will be united with Christ in ____ – 2 Tim 2:11
 - a. Our old self was ____ with Christ – Gal 2:20
 - 1. To do away with the ____ of sin
 - 2. To do away with the ____ to sin – Rom 6:18
- B. If we have been united with Christ in His death
 - 1. We will also ____ 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 ____ 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 ____ – 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 ____
 - 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 ____
 - 1. Sin will not be your master
 - a. You are not under ____ – Rom 7:4-6
 - b. You are under ____ – 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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