

## Newness of Life!

*KJV Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

*2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

*3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

*4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead **by the glory of the Father**, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*

*6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

Another interesting fact: **Romans is the 6<sup>th</sup> book of the NT and chp 6 verse 6** speaks of the old man and the body of sin.

Herein lies the understanding of what it means to be a new man (creation) in Christ.

By clearly defining what the old man was we can begin to understand who and what we are now as **The New Man** in Christ Jesus.

The **old man** is our old sinful nature!

First the apostle Paul says, “*should we go on sinning?*” He says God forbid, certainly not!

**How can we who are dead to sin live any longer under the control of sin?**

To accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior means we identify with His life, death and resurrection on a personal level.

As His body died and along with it all natural desires—so to we should no longer be controlled by our natural desires.

**Paul explains: We were planted together (by crucifixion and burial)!**

We are also raised up (like a plant) out of the earth (death) by His resurrection!

When a seed is planted the body of the seed (the outer shell) is bruised, crushed and dies, but the inner part where its true nature and life is survives, thrives and produces new life.

Paul calls the **outer shell** of the seed **the body of sin** it is what kept the inner nature of the seed from producing life!

*ESV John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

### **Jesus as a seed had an outer body!**

The Father planted Jesus in the earth because He wanted a harvest of righteous sons and daughters who would walk the earth in power, love and a sound mind!

The Father placed the sins of the world upon Him (His natural body) this is why He was rejected—He didn't have the appearance of a King, His body was beaten, He was despised and rejected.

*KJV 1 Corinthians 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*

*43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*

*44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

Since **The body of sin** has been destroyed there is no longer a tendency, an inclination or leaning toward sin.

Instead there is a definite **tendency, leaning and inclination** toward God!

Our **new life in Christ** **causes us to desire His presence more than anything!**

Our **new life in Christ** is power and supported by the glory of The Father!

When we were still sinners, we were weak we didn't have the strength to resist Satan and his attacks.

*KJV 2 Corinthians 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.*

**But Now! But Now! All that was weak and impotent about us is ALL gone!**

*KJV Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

**The body of sin was weak and destroyed and we now live in The Body of Christ which is strong and filled with the glory of God!**

*KJV 2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

7 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

As someone once put it... “*there’s a treasure in the trash*”!

*KJV Galatians 5:24* *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

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**When Jesus came out of the grave He was raised in power!**

*ESV Romans 8:11* *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

Because of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ we who believe in Him have **newness of life.**

It is not the same ole life of sin repentance, depression, defeat and sorrow!

It’s a **new kind of life, a new quality of life and a new quantity of life!**

- We can’t continue in sin if we have truly experienced resurrection power!
- The old man is dead and buried and a new man now lives in his place.
- The new man is sustained by glory of God—glorious things will happen in our lives as a result.
- This new life will be noticed by all just as Christ resurrection was public!

*KJV John 19:29* *Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.*

*30* *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

Since we have been crucified with Christ there are things that must be **finished** in our lives!

We ought to be **finished lying**, finished, **stealing**, finished **cheating**, finished **sinning and liking it!**

**But we ought to begin**—loving The Lord, speaking The Word, healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, blessing the poor and loving one another!