

## Attitude

Today, we are going to talk about attitude toward God and Jesus Christ and how we live our life.

Turn in your Bibles to Romans the 6th chapter beginning with verse 1:

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

1. In the prior chapter, Paul was speaking about the fact that when we sin grace abounds. He is answering that statement here.

Let us continue:

By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

2. This is a matter of attitude, our attitude, and commitment!

Let us continue:

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

3. Here is the reason, for baptism by immersion, we are re-creating a death to sin by following Jesus in this act, just as we do with communion to remember Him and what He did for us..

Let us continue:

We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

4. And this is what it is all about, living a new life united with Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue:

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

5. If you understand the Scripture we just read, then you understand the promise He has given us, that we shall be with Him in glory.

Let us continue:

For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin . . . because anyone who has died/baptised has been set free from sin.

6. So when we accept Christ as our Savior, are baptized by immersion, we put on a new life, and if we return to the old, we must reinitiate our pledge to Christ, ask for atonement for sin and return to our sin free life. That is Christ's desire for our life. So we take on a new attitude we commit ourselves to living a Christian life as we understand it from the teachings of the disciples and the apostle Paul.

Let us continue:

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

7. And where will we live with Him? 1<sup>st</sup> here on earth, and then after life is over in heaven with Him. Let us continue:

For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again, death no longer has mastery over Him.

8. And we know that through Christ; death has no mastery over us.
9. The death He died, He died to sin once for all, but the life He lives, He lives to God.

Think about what this Scripture is saying, that Christ died once, for sin, for all, he went to the resting place in Hades and led the captives free, the law could not do that only Jesus could give life.

Let us continue:

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

10. In the same way, by our very walk, we are dead to sin and have our hand firmly in Christ's hand.

Let us continue:

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

11. Sin is, many times, at the door, but to let it reign in our life is because we don't ask the Holy Spirit to help us conquer our feelings or our thoughts. Let us continue:

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness.

15. How do we offer every part of ourselves to Him? We do it by prayer and by reading the Bible and by carefully interpreting what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. We also ask for strength to overcome the desire of our sinful flesh so that we may continue in a life as Christ wants us to. That is called attitude and commitment. Do you have it? Do I have it? We must answer those questions ourselves.

We lose sight of the Lord, when we forget to rigidly enforce the beliefs that we have. God and Jesus Christ never walks away from us, we sin and walk away from them. That is just fact and it is a never ending fight.

Let us continue:

For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

16. May grace abound in each of your lives as we continue our daily walk in the spirit.

Let us pray: