

You Died with Christ

Living the Christian Life, Lesson 2

Living the Christian Life is a Bible study series that explores Paul's teaching about Christian growth and sanctification in Romans 6:1–8:17.

Introductory Thoughts

After a lengthy discussion of the need for and basis of justification by grace through faith in Christ (i.e., salvation or conversion), Paul now explains how this same truth should transform our mindset and lifestyle as Christians (i.e., sanctification or Christian growth). The believer's close identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection places him or her in a new position. He is no longer a slave to sin but serves Jesus Christ instead.

Passage: Romans 6:5-7

In English (NKJV)

v.5 For if we have been **united together** in the **likeness** of his death, certainly we also shall be in the **likeness** of his resurrection,

v.6 **Knowing** this, that **our old man** was crucified with him, that the **body** of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer **be slaves** of sin.

v.7 For he who has died has been **freed** from sin.

In Greek

v.5 ει γαρ **συμφυτοι** γεγοναμεν τω **ομοιωματι** του θανατου αυτου αλλα και της αναστασεως εσομεθα

v.6 τOUTO **γινωσκοντες** οτι ο **παλαιος ημων ανθρωπος** συνεσταυρωθη ινα καταργηθη το **σωμα** της αμαρτιας του μηκετι **δουλευειν** ημας τη αμαρτια

v.7 ο γαρ αποθανων **δεδικαιωται** απο της αμαρτιας

Key Words and Insights

Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006) together with an interlinear Bible, like *The NKJV Greek English Interlinear New Testament* (Thomas Nelson, 1994) is an excellent way to get accurate definitions for your Bible study based upon Greek and Hebrew meanings.

- *If* (ει):
- *United together* (σύμφυτος):
- *Likeness* (ὁμοίωμα):

- *Knowing* (γινώσκω):
- *Our old man* (παλαιος ημων ανθρωπος):
- *Body* (σῶμα):
- *Done away* (καταργέω):
- *Be a slave* (δουλεύω):
- *Freed* (δικαιόω):

Questions for Meditation and Reflection

1. How were we “intertwined” or “united” with Christ in his death and resurrection?
2. How does your “old man” differ from your new identity as a person before God?
3. How do your physical desires to sin differ from the way they were before you were converted?
4. In what way was your previous, unregenerate life a form of slavery?
5. What is your relationship to sin today?

Questions for Personal Application

1. What sinful desires and temptations were stronger and more powerful in your life before you were converted?
2. How is it helpful to know that the sinful desires of your body have been stripped of their former power though they have not been eradicated completely?
3. Do you ever use the words “I can’t help it” when you give in to temptation?
4. How would you counsel another believer to says, “I can’t help it,” when they sin?
5. How well have you been trained to take full advantage of your freedom from sin?
6. What are you doing to receive the knowledge and skills that you need to live out your freedom from sin?