Pastor Grant Van Leuven PECA Sermon Outline on Rom. 6:1-11, WLC Q&A 167 Pt. 1, Dec.7, 2014

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 167.

Main Point of Text: Baptism means to be found lying dead to the world and walking alive in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Eph. 5:15. Gal. 5:25 ...

Sermon Pont: If We Live in the Spirit, Let Us Also Walk in the Spirit.

Move 1: To improve your baptism is to be found walking with the Spirit of Christ.

LC: "The <u>needful</u> but <u>much neglected duty</u> of improving our baptism, is <u>to be performed</u> by us <u>all our life</u> <u>long</u>": meaning of union with Christ/washed by Spirit is always to be meaningful and moving:

- "especially in the time of temptation": memory of meaning a means of moving away from sin.
- "and when we are present at the administration of it to others ...": reminder of our own to own it.
- Romans 6:4, 6, 11: Baptism is about your life's identity with Christ that you must live out. Seen in crucifixion and resurrection. Gal. 2:20. Jn. 8:12. Ps. 1:1. Seen walking not in dark world, but with God in the living Christ.

Move 2: To improve your baptism is to be found walking in one Spirit with His Church.

LC: "and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.":

- 1 Cor. 12:13, 25-27: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body ... the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- Romans 6:4 the walk is a walk of /with "we". So to Gal. 5:25 is "we" and "us".

Conclusion:

Gal 5:25 chiasm lit. Greek: "If we live in the Spirit, in the Spirit also let us **walk**." Holy movement/growth together. Let us improve our baptism together, for it is a means of grace.

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