

## INTRODUCTION

1. Rm 6 - Xn life lived in terms of our legal blessings: justif, adoption - HS.
  - i. v1-4 *baptism* - the reality & the ritual
  - ii. v5 summary - what has happened in past makes future certain
    - a. *united* = fused together - *planted together* [KJV]. 1C 15
    - b. *certainly* = "but also" - a forceful term. If you follow Jesus as disciple into His death - it is *certain* that you will also follow Jesus into His resurrection.
  - iii. v6-7 elaborates on union w/ Jesus in His death - *I die daily* [1C 15:31]
    - a. We experience curse of death wh/ is not Xn per se.
    - b. Our union w/ Jesus in *His death* is specific - in rln to *sin*.
2. v7 - the prison door is open - we are liberated from sin - v8-9

**1st: We Believe That We Have Risen and Will Rise from the Dead - v8**

1. Faith is integral to our identity & life.
  - i. Faith is passive - receives God's revelation - Rm 4:25
  - ii. Faith is active: submissive trust obeys God's commands - Hab 2:4.
  - iii. Faith relates hope - fulfillment of promises - life.
    - a. Faith evidences regeneration, resurrection life. Already.
    - b. Faith hopes in not-yet life of resurrection of body - Hb 11:1,13a
2. *Now if we have died w/ Christ* - We experience union w/ Jesus in His death by our repentance [1Jn 2:15]. For the sake of Father's love, we repent.
  - i. In union w/ Christ in His death, we turn from sin: repent.
  - ii. In the rite of bap - entering H2Os = enter grave - 6:2,3,4a Analogous in disciple's experience to Jesus' body taken off cross & laid in tomb
    - a. Faith & repentance to enter H2O of baptism.
    - b. The baptized disciple enters grave - but not committing suicide.
3. *we believe that we shall also live w/ Him* - what happens to those united to Jesus in HIS death? Same thing that happened to Jesus: *also live w/ Him*.
  - i. Jesus' experience defines our identity & destiny.
  - ii. Why would we seek to die w/ Jesus? B/c we will also live w/ Jesus.

**2nd: Because We Know That Christ Rose from the Dead - v9**

1. Relationship between faith & knowledge - *know* [v3,6,9,16]. *v8* - *we believe* - which informs the imperative *consider yourselves* [v11].
  - i. Believe then understand - or - understand then believe? Jn 20:25 - *I will not believe* - the will. If we do not want to know we will not learn.
  - ii. Our knowledge is given by revelation: internal & external. 1C 2:10ff; Eph 4:21, 22-24; Tit 1:1.
2. *We know that Christ has been raised from the dead* - objective, historical truth - revealed & interpreted by HS.
3. Resurrected Jesus *will never die again* - not resuscitated, but raised to resurrection life. 1C 15:45-47 created Adam - resurrected Jesus
4. Rm 6:10 - victory over death: *death is not longer master over Him*.
  - i. Jesus actually died - Jn 19:30. But *no longer* dead.
  - ii. Why death's mastery was broken by Jesus - b/c *the death He died He died to sin once for all*. Death had no mastery over sinless Jesus.

**Applic #1: Our Death & Life with Jesus is Conclusive and Certain - Rm 6:8-9**

1. *If we have died w/ Christ* = definitive, pivotal, decisive - v5
2. 2 points of reference - regeneration & resurrection [Phil 3:20]
3. Define "Xn" in terms of LIFE - resurrection LIFE.

**Applic #2: Dying & Rising to Live in & for Christ is THE Dynamic of Xn Life**

1. Baptism as the defining metaphor of union w/ Christ: His death & res.
2. We don't need to learn new techniques to live the Xn life - we need to discern the significance of the essential gospel: union w/ Jesus.
3. Whenever & wherever our sin surfaces - enact the dynamic of baptism: dead to sin & alive to God in Christ.