Were You There
When God Raised Him Up From The Grave?
Romans 6:1–14

Introduction: Absurdity of being forgiven of sin by grace yet willfully and unrepentantly living in sin.

Romans 6:1–2 **Declaration of the absurdity.**

Romans 6:3–11 **Basis of the absurdity.**

Baptism speaks of "the introduction or placing of a person or thing into a new environment or into a union with something else so as to alter its condition or its relationship to its previous environment or condition." Kenneth S. Weust

The believer was there on the cross dying with Christ. Friday night's message

The believer was there in the tomb being raised up to new life with Christ.
The reality of our solidarity with Christ's resurrection. **6:5**

<u>The power of resurrection</u>. **6:4a** Ephesians 1:20

<u>The result of resurrection</u>. **6:4b** Newness of life
Ezekiel 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
Ezekiel 18:31 "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?
2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

<u>The purpose of the resurrected life</u>. **6:10**

Guidance to living the new life. **6:9–14**
<u>Maintain conviction of the Spiritual truth</u>. 6:9–11

Four deterrents to this conviction.
Poor teaching. Emphasizing changed position without mention of changed nature.

Powerful enemy. Rob the believer of joy
Maintain the deceived in a state of deception.
Physical limitation.

Perpetual battle. Sin desires strongly to take over 1 Peter 2:11

<u>Maintain a courageous adherence to Spiritual truth</u>. 6:12–14