

EMBRACING YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST Pt. 3 (Romans 6:6-14)

E. Embracing the POSITION of Your Christian Life which is _____, _____, and _____ in Christ resulting in having _____ and now being _____ in Christ Jesus our _____. (Romans 6:1-14)

III. SALVATION AND SANCTIFICATION (6:1 - 8:17) ... The Righteousness of God Reproduced

A. POSITIONAL Sanctification. (6:1-10)

1. A Logical QUESTION... "*Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?*" (vs. 1)

2. An Emotional ANSWER... "*Certainly not!*" (vs. 2a)

3. A Theological REASON... "*How shall we who died to sin, live any longer in it?*" (vs. 2b)

4. A Doctrinal EXPLANATION (vs. 3-5)

a. Every Believer Has Been IDENTIFIED With CHRIST.

b. Every Believer Has Been IDENTIFIED With CHRIST in...

1) His _____. (vs. 3b)

2) His _____. (vs. 4a)

3) His _____. (vs. 4b-5)

- What is the practical purpose of your identification with Christ?

5. The Important RAMIFICATIONS (vs.6-10)

a. Regarding Our UNREGENERATE SELF (6:6a)

1) The phrase "old man" refers to _____.

2) The word "crucified" carries the idea of being _____.

3) The phrase "body of sin" seems to best refer to _____.

4) The phrase "be done away with" means to be _____.

* The point: Because of the believer's identification with Christ in His death, the sin nature's _____ as a master in the believer's body has been _____ so that he now is legally _____ from enslavement to the sin nature.

b. Regarding Our Past MASTER-SLAVE Relationship to the SIN NATURE (6:6b-7)

1) Because of the cross-work of Jesus Christ, we are no longer _____ to the _____.

2) Because of our identification with Christ's _____ we have been _____ from our previous relationship to the sin nature (sin's power).

* But what if I don't know that I am free?

B. PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION (6:11-23)

1. The Personal APPLICATIONS. (vs. 11-13)

a. **Response #1: You need to continually _____ yourself to be _____ to the _____ and _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord. (6:11)**

- “reckon” (logizomai) – refers to a logical faith based upon the facts; present tense - repeatedly; this is to be your daily mindset as you live by faith; active voice - you must choose this voluntarily instead of dwelling on your past or viewing yourself from the world's viewpoint as it is not automatic; imperative mood – this is a command, a necessity to victorious Christian living

- What is the first issue every day in your Christian life?

b. **Response #2: _____ the sin nature _____ in your body that you should _____ it in its _____, and _____ the members of your body to the sin nature to be used as _____ of unrighteousness. (6:12-13a)**

- “do not let sin reign” – do not let [the] sin [nature] reign [as a king]; present tense – the sin nature is not eradicated and still wants to repeatedly reign but must not be allowed to; active voice – you have a choice in this matter unlike prior to salvation; imperative mood – this is a command / necessity

- “do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to [the] sin [nature]” – to present or make available for use the various parts of your body, to place at one's disposal, to yield; present tense – do not keep on presenting as you have done in the past; active voice – you now have a choice; imperative mood – this is a command that is now possible in your life because of your identification with Christ

c. **Response #3: _____ yourself to _____ as being _____ from the dead, and _____ your _____ as instruments of righteousness to _____.**

- “present” (paristemi) – to make available for use, to place at one's disposal, to yield ; aorist tense – the emphasis is on the need to begin this action which is urgent; not a once for all (see Rom.13:7; 2 Tim.4:2); active voice – you must voluntarily chose to present based upon believing the truth of 6:11; imperative mood - a command, a necessity to do the will of God

- Why must the Christian life be approached in this manner?