

LIFE IN THE KINGDOM

LIFE WITH THE SPIRIT

With Christ in Death & Resurrection

ABIDE

Settle in with Jesus through prayer to demonstrate & recognize we are depending fully on God to help us to hear his voice and understand his word.

Romans 1-5 context: All people are sinners in need of grace. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus, not the law. Both Jews and Gentiles are united as one in Christ.

Romans 6:1-10 (NLT)

¹Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ²Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God.

v.2 “died to sin” What does this mean for us?

v.3 “joined with Christ in baptism, joined with him in his death”

v.4 “buried with Christ by baptism”

“just as Christ...by the glorious power of the Father” what is the benefit to us?
What does it really mean to live a new life?

v.5 “we have been united with him in death, we will be raised to new life”

v.6 “our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ” what does this mean? What is the benefit, or what is the outcome God has made available to us?

v.7 What are we set free from the power of? Why does it seem we are not actually free??
(Hint: Matthew 16:24 AMP “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me].”

James 1:13-16 NIV

¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

v.8-9 In what two ways are we now joined with Christ?

v.10 Why did he die? Was it simply to keep us from eternal death or going to hell?

Hope Shot

The power of sin has no hold on those who are in Christ
& those who have Christ in them.

OBEY

How will I put God's word into practice? What does it mean, practically, that we share in his death?

If the power of death AND sin has been broken, what does this mean for us, who have made the choice to share in his death (salvation) and resurrection (baptism)?

SURRENDER

How will I keep in step with the Holy Spirit? How will I follow his lead?

- ☞ Recognize our own excuses and unwillingness to take up our cross. Deny ourselves. Stop making excuses. (James 1:13-16)
- ☞ Spiritually mature followers of Christ HEAR, APPLY, and OBEY the Word. (James 1:22-25)
- ☞ Abide. Remain. Spend time with Jesus. Spiritual disciplines (John 15:4)
- ☞ Develop Christian community Bible study groups, accountability groups, discipleship groups (Proverbs 27:17)

GO

How will this help me in my everyday spaces & places?

Lord, how are you calling me to be changed so that I can be a light in the dark world?