



Week #3: A New Identity

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Romans 6:1-2 (NIV)

Being Brand New Means:

- We died ___ sin. (v. 2)

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:3-5 (NIV)

- We were baptized into Jesus' _____ and _____. (vv. 3-5)

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Romans 6:6-7 (NIV)

- We are freed from sin's _____. (vv. 6-7)

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

Romans 6:8-10 (NIV)

- We have new life _____ and _____. (vv. 8-10)

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:11 (NIV)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

Romans 6:12-13 (NIV)

How we live it:

- Don't _____ with sin, rather _____ every part of yourself to God. (vv. 11-12)

Discussion questions:

1. Where in your life do you still find yourself living as if sin has authority over you?
2. What stands out to you about being united in Christ in both his death and resurrection? How does that reshape how you see yourself today?
3. When you think about being "alive to God," what images, emotions, or resistance come up in you?
4. This week, prayerfully examine one area of your life (a habit, thought pattern, or relationship) and consciously "offer it to God" each day (Romans 6:13). What might it look like to move from managing sin to living as someone already made new?

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