

Romans 6:1-14

Pray that God would do His amazing work of putting your sin to death, and making you more alive in Him. Pray that He would do that in this moment!

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Look Closer... In the last section of Romans, Paul began and ended with an amazing truth: that you are *in Christ Jesus!* Now in chapter 6, Paul is talking about one simple but profound truth, it is the most certain and immediate reality that bears itself upon the one *in Christ*: all those in Christ Jesus share in His death and resurrection. Therefore, the gospel, as it is preached in Romans 6, is that all those who believe in Jesus are put to death by sharing in Jesus' resurrection, and raised into a new life by sharing in His resurrection.

Think about it... This is clearly one of the most amazing truths hidden in the deep waves of Scripture's story. You and all your sin and idolatry are put to death, because in Christ, you receive all of His righteousness. That means His obedience to go to the cross, and the glory of His resurrected life are yours! And Paul says that this is the meaning of baptism. Baptism is God's promise to the believer of what is occurring by believing in Jesus: He puts you to death (submerged under water), then lifts you into new life (one big deep breath of air).

Pray about it... God is putting you to death so that He can make you alive. Are you leaning into that grace? or has grace become an excuse for sinning? Pray that God would give you awe in His Son, and the glory of the story of the gospel, so that living for God would become natural as you walk nearer to His grace.