



Grace

The Basis for Spiritual Growth

Romans 5-6 Overview

The Path Ahead

Session 1 – The 3 Phases of
Salvation

Session 2 – The Grace Basis for
Spiritual Growth

Session 3 – Rewards – The Role
of Good Works

Session 4 – Training for
Reigning-Eternity with Christ



The 3 Phases of Salvation

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Title	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Purpose	Saved from Sin's Penalty	Saved from Sin's Power	Saved from Sin's Presence
Timing	Past	Present	Future
Passages	Titus 3:5 Ephesians 2:8-9 Luke 7:50	1 Timothy 4:16 James 1:21 Philippians 2:12-13	Romans 5:9-10 Romans 13:11 1 Corinthians 3:15

Basic Christianity

Romans 5	Romans 6	Romans 7
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- We are totally helpless
- Christ paid the price
- HE will see this salvation to its completion by His grace

- Know that you are identified with Christ
- Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to Christ
- Present your members to God

- Attempting to keep the law
- Constant failure
- Constant frustration
- Final Despair: “O wretched man that I am!”

Basic Christianity

Romans 8



- “Therefore there is now NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus!”
- The REAL freedom of life in the Spirit
- Resting in God’s amazing resources
- Trusting that only His work can save us
- Trusting that only His working can grow us
- Knowing that His amazing love will see us completed in grace and glory!



Romans 5

- Trusting through Trials (Romans 5:1-5)
- Christ's Substitutionary Work (Romans 5:6-11)
- The Permanent Power of Propitiation (Romans 5:12-21)

Trusting through Trials (Romans 5:1-5)

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

(Romans 5:1–5 [NKJV](#))



Having Been Justified

- Greek – δικαιόω –
**To be declared
righteous**
- **Passive Voice** –
This is something
that God did on our
behalf
- **Past tense
participle** – Past
Action



We Have Peace

- *echomen* – Plural present active indicative
- Peace with God is a thing that every believer has positionally
- It is not a variable
- Why? The Person and Work of Jesus Christ on the Cross

A wooden boardwalk winds through a grassy field under a dark sky. The boardwalk is made of light-colored wooden planks and curves from the foreground towards the background. The grass is tall and green, and the sky is a deep, dark grey. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

We have access

- We have continuing access
- The access comes by faith – when we trusted in Christ
- To the Grace – the Free gift of God



It is NOT grace if:

- *There are strings attached*
- *If it can be earned*
- *If it can be paid back*
- *If it is increased by doing good*
- *If it is decreased by doing bad*
- *If it can be revoked for any reason*



Grace IS:

- *Totally free to the recipient*
- *Must be received freely*
- *Must be received by faith*
- *The Principle of our Salvation*
- *The motivation for the Christian life*

Grace in 3 Stages

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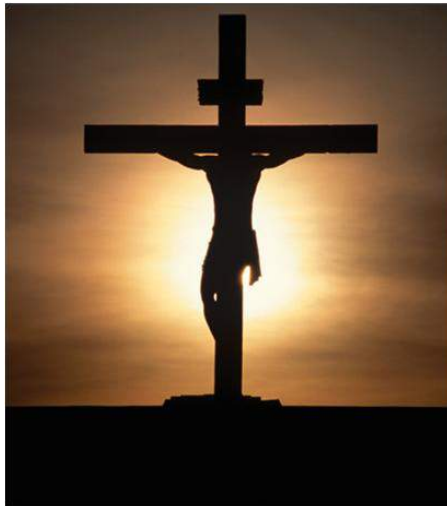
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POWER

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Glorification
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Grace in 3 Stages

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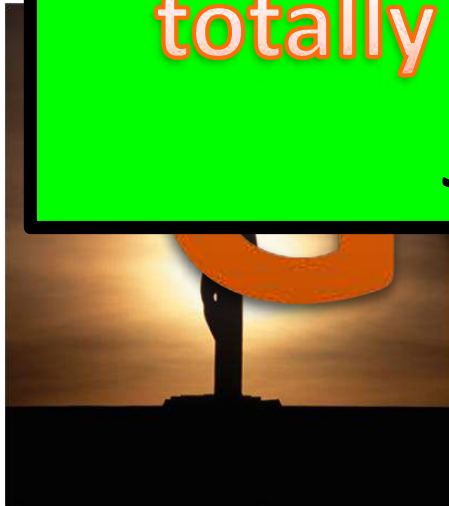
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God's grace is the
UNLIMITED, UNMERITED,
favor of God based on the
totally adequate work of
Jesus Christ



A person is standing on the peak of a mountain, seen from behind with their arms outstretched. They are looking out over a vast, deep valley with steep, rocky slopes. The scene is captured in a slightly desaturated, high-contrast style, emphasizing the ruggedness of the landscape. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants. The overall mood is one of contemplation and achievement.

*We stand in
this grace*

- The idea is that we have been placed or put in this grace
- By God's grace we have a new standing before Him
- A new position in Christ



New ways to suffer

- Suffering is not needless...it is glorious!
- It produces perseverance – endurance
- Endurance produces formed and settled character
- Which produces HOPE

A small green plant with several leaves is growing out of a crack in a concrete surface. The background is a dark, textured grey.

Biblical Hope

- Greek – *elpis* – A firmly established expectation
- Not expressing a desired outcome
- But rather expressing confidence in the result

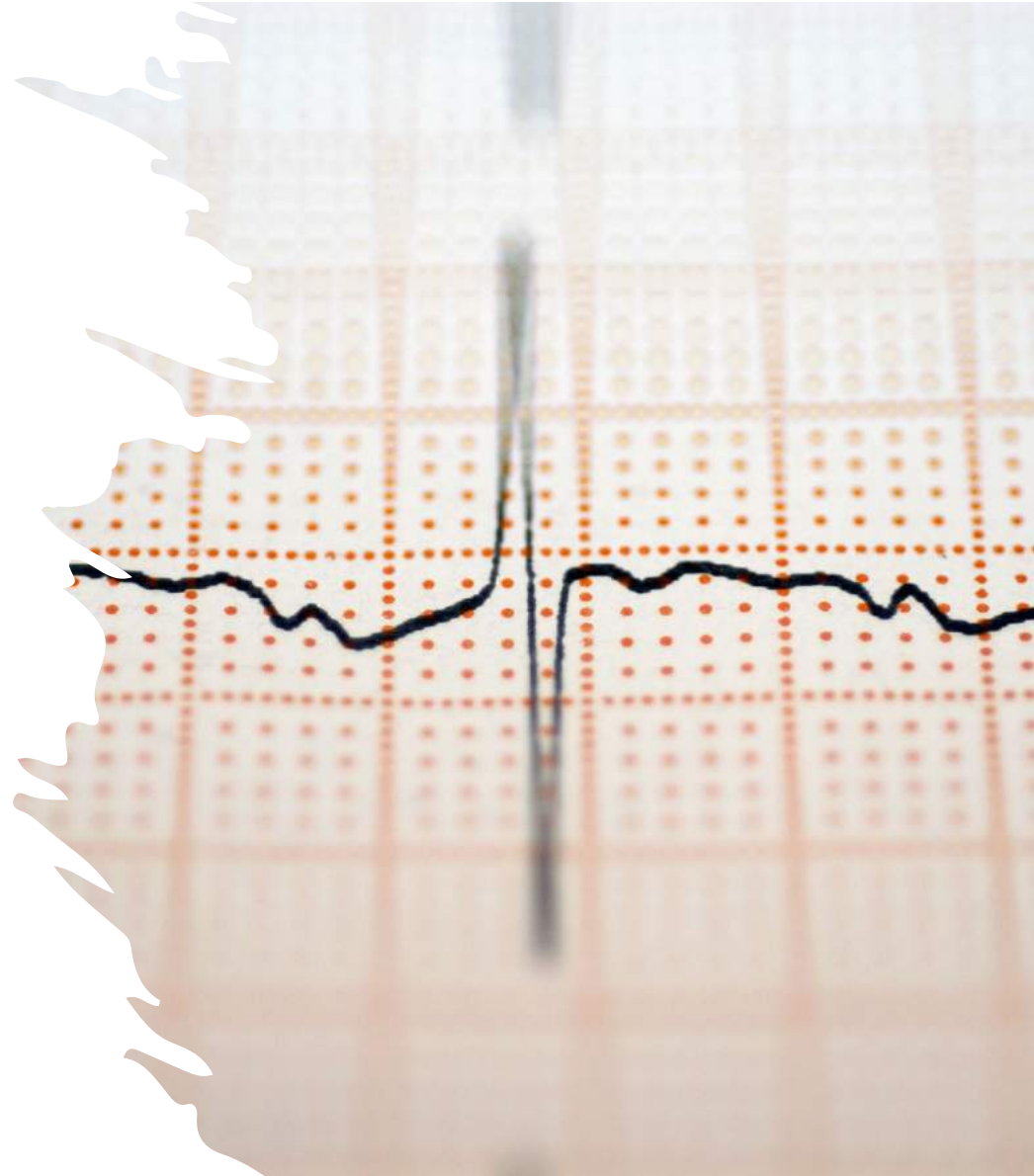


Hope does
not
disappoint

- The Love of God – more on this in verse 8
- This love is poured – generously-lavishly
- Into our hearts – What is your heart?

The Heart

- A common general term for the whole immaterial part of man.
- The Place of Thought (Gen 6:5; Prov. 20:5; 23:27)
- The Seat of the Emotions (Gen. 17:17; Num. 32:7; Prov. 14:1)
- The Seat of the Will (Gen. 8:21; Ex. 7:3; Prov. 16:9)



The Holy Spirit – Who was Given

- The Holy Spirit – Third Person of the Trinity
- “Who” not “what” – The Holy Spirit is a person
- He was given to us as a permanent possession



The Non- Experiential Ministries of the Holy Spirit

- Regeneration - John 3:3,6; Titus 3:5
- Indwelling - 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- Baptizing – 1 Cor. 12:13; Romans 6:3-5
- Sealing – Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; 2 Cor. 1:22

The Experiential Ministries of the Holy Spirit

- Comforting
John 14:16, 26
- Anointing
1 John 2:20, 27
- Teaching
John 14:26;
1 John 2:27
- Assuring
Romans 8:16
- Guiding
Romans 8:14
- Interceding
Romans 8:26
- Convicting
John 16:7-11

Christ's Substitutionary Work (Romans 5:6-11)

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.”

(Romans 5:6–11 [NKJV](#))

We were...

- Powerless
(Without Strength)
- Sinners by nature
- Deserving of wrath
- Enemies of God

He Gave

- Substitutionary Atonement
- Justification
- Salvation from His wrath
- Reconciliation



Introducing God's Love

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

(Romans 5:8
[NKJV](#))

The Permanent Power of Propitiation (Romans 5:12-21)

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(Romans 5:12–21 [NKJV](#))

Federal Headship

- The special creation of humanity.
- Made in the Image of God (Genesis 1:27-28)
- Adam Sinned and we are all identified with His federal headship
- Jesus Christ is the New federal head

Can you be sure of your ultimate salvation?

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” (Romans 5:9 [NKJV](#))

“For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” (Romans 5:10 [NKJV](#))

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- Our Position in Christ
(Romans 6:1-14)
- Living in Freedom
(Romans 6:15-23)

Our Position in Christ (Romans 6:1-14)

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

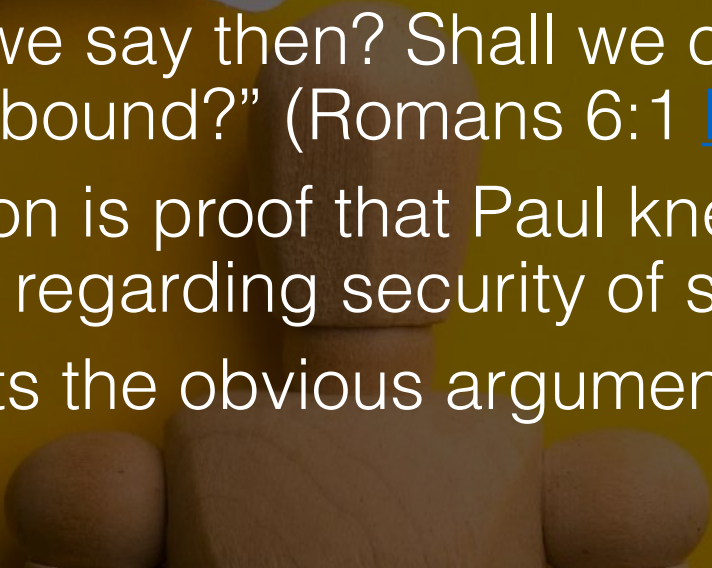
Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

(Romans 6:1–14 [NKJV](#))



Important questions...

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?” (Romans 6:1 [NKJV](#))

- This question is proof that Paul knew EXACTLY what he was saying regarding security of salvation
 - This expects the obvious argument.
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It is time to
GROW UP!





THE Sin

- In Romans 1-5 the focus is on sin – sinful actions that prove that our condemnation is just
- Romans 6 adds the definite article – THE SIN
- NIV rightly translates this “The Sin Nature”
- What is the Sin Nature?

Pictures of People

IN ADAM

IN CHRIST

Separated
from:
God

Old Man –
All of who
you were

Mind History
Ownership

Sin
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Continuity of Person

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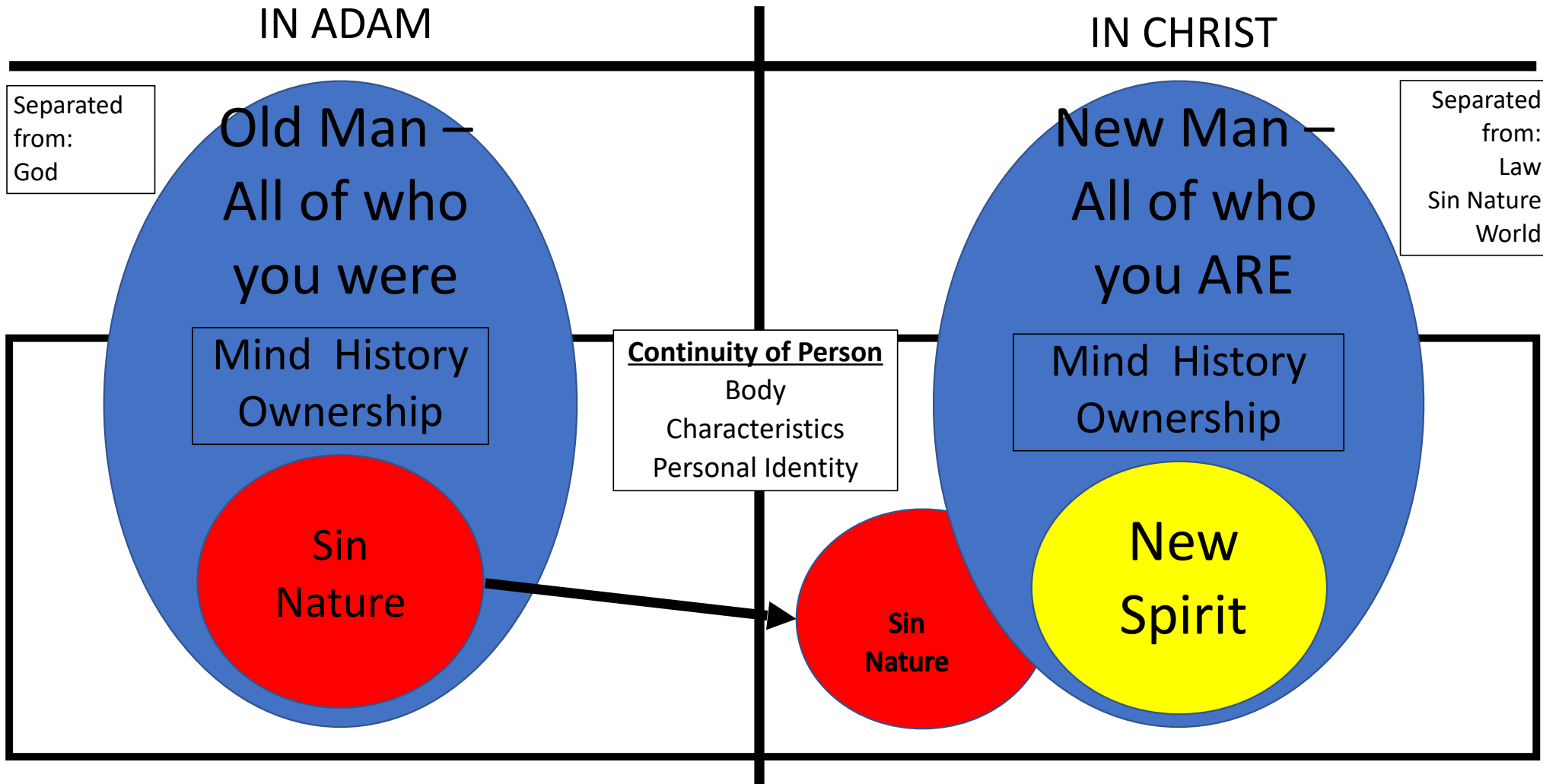
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Batism

- The Problem with words
- Greek – *baptizo* – Not a translation but a transliteration.
- Baptize means to immerse!
 - A ship immersed in sea
 - A city immersed in its troubles
 - A piece of cloth immersed in dye

The Eight Baptisms of Scripture

- Moses (1 Corinthians 10:1-3)
- John (Matthew 3:5-6; Mark 1:4)
- Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)
- Disciples (John 4:1-2)
- Baptism by Fire (Matthew 3:11-12)
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit
(Matthew 3:11; Romans 6:3-4; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 12:13)
- Baptism of the Cross (Mark 10:35-39)
- Baptism of Believers
(Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:28, 41; 8:12-13; 36-38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 22:16; 1 Cor. 1:13-17)



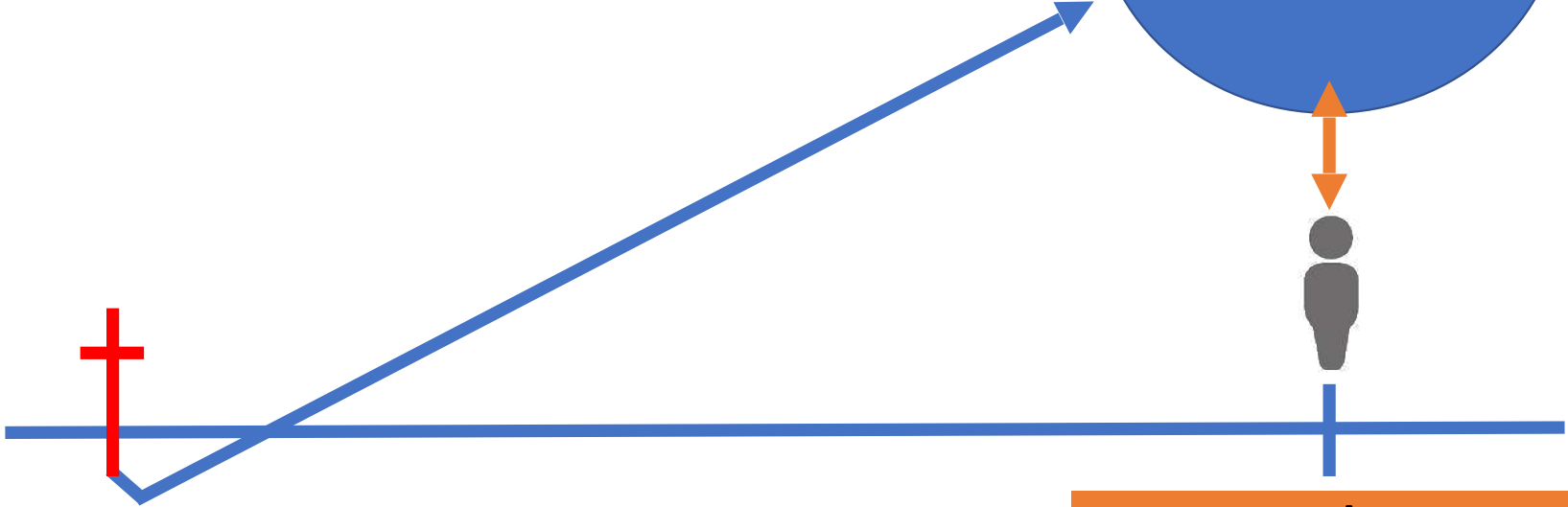


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Our Position
in Christ



Our Daily
Condition



Romans 6:11

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Romans 6:12-14

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” (Romans 6:12–14 [NKJV](#))



How to keep sin from ruining life

- Therefore – Because of the information in Romans 6:1-11
- Do not allow sin to reign – the Choice of the Believer
- If a believer attempts to live by law the sin nature is in control



Present Arms

- Military Presentation
 - A willingness and ability to glorify God in our lives
 - What will you do with your body?
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Living in Freedom (Romans 6:15-23)

“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 6:15–23 [NKJV](#))

Same Song Second Verse

“What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!”

(Romans 6:15 [NKJV](#))

- Why is this our constant question?
“Now can I sin? Now can I sin? Now can I sin?”
- This is constantly the legalists accusation against grace... because he is still **TOTALLY** under sin’s authority and control!

Slavery and the Spiritual Life

- As unbelievers we were slaves to sin
- In Christ we are set free
- Now we are slaves to righteousness
- Speaking in human terms
- Because being “enslaved to righteousness” is a sneaky way of saying “Free!”

What did sin ever get you?

- Were you proud of your sin? NO! You were ashamed!
- Did you profit from sin? NO! It only stole from you!
- Did Sin every build anything? NO! Sin only destroys – relationships, health, comfort, confidence, happiness!
- YOU ARE FREE!





“For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

Then,
Now, or
Then?

- Is Paul here discussing justification or sanctification?
- The Context
- Death in the Christian Life
- Death and Discipline
- The Gift of God



Conclusion

It is all by Grace