

The Righteousness of God

God's Grace and a
Changed Life

Romans 6:5-14 (ESV)

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ or one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

2 essential foundations (so far):

1. _____ precedes _____.

The _____ that justifies us must be operative before obedience is possible.

What we _____ precedes what we are _____.

Romans 6:4 (ESV)

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

2. Sanctification necessarily _____ justification.

In justification, God ...

In sanctification, God ...

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How God's grace enables me to change:

1) God's grace changes the way I _____. (v. 6-11)

Not 'dominated'

Not 'defeated'

"Resurrected"

I can't change the way I live without first changing the way I think/believe.

Our old nature has been defeated, disabled, and deprived of its _____!

How?

2) God's grace gives me _____ to say _____ to sin. (v. 12,14)

I am no longer a ' _____ ' to sin (unless I choose to be)!

The command?

3) God's grace gives me the _____ to fight sin successfully. (v. 13)

I died to sin _____.

Now, I must die to _____ daily!

The command?

From John Owen (1616–1683)

*"The choicest believers, who are assuredly freed from the condemning power of sin, ought yet to make it their business all their days to mortify the indwelling power of sin. So the apostle, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth" (Col 3:5). To whom does he speak? Such as were "risen with Christ" (v. 1), such as we're dead with him (v. 3); such as whose life Christ was and who should "appear with him in glory" (v. 4). Do you mortify; do you make it your daily work; be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work; **be killing sin or it will be killing you.** Your being dead with Christ virtually, your being quickened with him, will not excuse you from this work."*

Overcoming Sin and Temptation, p. 50