

Romans #086

“Dead with Christ to sin, alive to God through faith”

Romans 6:8-10

Alexander the Great, seeing Diogenes looking attentively at a parcel of human bones, asked the philosopher what he was looking for. Diogenes' reply: "That which I cannot find--the difference between your father's bones and those of his slaves."

Plutarch

Without a doubt, the most peculiar event ever to be observed by angels was the creation of man.

Right away, the angels saw that man had one characteristic in common with them: free-will, the power to choose for or against God.

The answer to Satan's protest is found in man's free-will; showing that the fallen angels had been given an opportunity under grace to be saved from God's wrath but rejected it.

But only seven others were saved during that time and that's not many.

Yes, but the fact that God relented for 120 years in judging man is a powerful testimony of a faithful man.

Those who entered the ark were believers and the water was the instrument of destruction for the unbelievers and it was also the means of physical deliverance for the believers; foreshadowing the baptism of the Holy Spirit, our positional truth.

1st Corinthians 15:26

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

All that we were in Adam, our old self is dead and we didn't kill him nor do we kill or crucify him daily because he is dead and we never have to kill him again.

Adam's not been made over in us, he's been replaced with a New Creation in Christ with brand-new options.

The foundation of Romans 6 is understanding the baptism of the Holy Spirit and if we don't get it, we can't effectively interpret the circumstances of our lives and respond biblically to them.

The Christian life is not hard, it's impossible to accomplish ourselves because the spiritual life is a supernatural way of life which requires a supernatural means of execution; the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual death is separation from God and positional death refers to us being separated from our old self who's dead and slavery to the sin nature, so now the new self must learn how to live like a new self.

God gave us the recovery technique in 1Jn1:9 to recover from sin, not to continue in sin because our focus is always better served by staying in fellowship, not getting back into fellowship.

Just as we receive positional sanctification justification or salvation by faith alone in Christ alone in believing He died for us, bringing freedom from the penalty of sin; we also receive experiential sanctification freedom from the power of sin by faith alone in Christ alone in believing we died with Him.

Since the believer is identified with Jesus Christ in His death and burial, it is a logical conclusion that he is identified with Christ in His resurrection, ascension and session. Retroactive positional truth rejects positionally and separates us positionally from human good and evil but current positional truth relates us to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Emotions are always under control when there is rational appreciation.

Jesus Christ was resurrected from two things that held Him; one held Him for 3 hours; spiritual death and one held Him for 3 days; physical death in which His body was in the grave, His spirit was in the presence of the Father, while His soul was in Paradise.

If physical death no longer has any control over the resurrection body of Jesus Christ, neither does the sin nature have any more sovereignty over the life of the believer who is identified with Christ in His resurrection.

We are in union with Jesus Christ and therefore death no longer has mastery or lordship over us.

It's our relationship with Jesus Christ, our union with Him, the baptism of the Holy Spirit at salvation, retroactive and current positional truth which is the basis for the freedom from the slavery to the sin nature and physical death.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit which occurs at salvation is not an experience; it's the ministry of God the Holy Spirit entering us into union with Jesus Christ so that we are intimately united with Him in His spiritual and physical deaths, burial, resurrection, ascension and session.

Having been positionally freed from the sovereignty of the sin nature as an absolute ruler and the authority of physical death as a lesser ruler, we must recognize and apply biblical truth for experiential victory as commanded by God.

In His humanity, Jesus will always have a resurrection body which is no longer subject to any type of corruption or death of any kind.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was seated at the right hand of the Father, He was declared King of kings and Lord of lords.

In the Church Age, we now have the royal family, with far greater opportunity and greater blessing than anyone who ever lived in the past or anyone who will ever live in the future.

Retroactive positional truth breaks the sovereign authority of the sin nature as ruler of human life and current positional truth demands that the believer live with reference to the plan of God, so we are to walk in newness of life.

Our union with Jesus Christ demands a new way of life for the believer in time, a way of life related to grace and truth.

Given the understanding and power we have in Christ, the most ridiculous thing any of us can do is let our sin natures dominate our lives.