

# THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

## Message 5: THE OTHER ROMANS ROAD

Romans 6:1-14 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? **Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?** <sup>2</sup> **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

**Doctrine** = What are the *indicatives*?

**Deductions** = What are the *imperatives*?

Keep on sinning? **No way!** (But why and how?)

I need a proper, \_\_\_\_\_ view of sin.

2 phrases:

“*abounding grace*”

“*under grace*”

I need to rightly understand my \_\_\_\_\_.

*Acts 26:18*

*Romans 5:1*

*Romans 6:3*

*Romans 6:4*

*Romans 6:18*

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:17*

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20*

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:27*

*Ephesians 1:3-8*

*Colossians 1:13-14*

*Colossians 2:9-10*

*Romans 8:1-2*

*Philippians 3:20*

*Philippians 4:13*

*Etc.*

We must *consider* ourselves to be what we *are* in Christ! (v. 11)

I need to acknowledge God's \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

*Why did Jesus die?*

*Why was He resurrected?*

*What is the whole purpose of salvation according to v. 4?*

**Titus 2:13b-14 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> ... Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV)**

For this is the will of God, your sanctification ...

*Does my life contradict the Gospel?*

*Does my life deny what I claim to be looking forward to?*

*Am I opposing God's purpose in me and the purpose of my salvation?*

I need a realistic \_\_\_\_\_ against sin.

*Don't let sin rule me ...*

*Don't let any part of me (my mind or body) be an 'instrument' of sin ...*

*DO give myself completely to God ...*

I must \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am in \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ!*

- Union with Christ is like being placed on an NFL football team through no talent of your own. Though you didn't earn your way on to the team, now that you wear the jersey you want to play like a real football player.
- Union with Christ is like being released from a nasty prison. You used to curl up in your bed when someone walked by because you didn't want to get beaten. You would pass dirty magazines through the wall. You would threaten and intimidate people to get first in line for the grub. But once you are out, you don't act like that anymore. You are in a different world now.
- Union with Christ is like a ten-year-old refusing to be called a "baby" by his friends. He knows he's not a baby anymore. He's a boy. So he starts acting more grown up.
- Union with Christ is like a student coming to college on a horse, unloading a quill and ink bottle, lighting a bunch of candles, and trying to communicate by Morse code, only to realize she's not in the right century. We'd all be surprised to meet such a college student. She needs to start living in the proper age.

- Kevin DeYoung, *A Hole in Our Holiness*, pp. 104

**Note:** vs. 12 is a useless command for those not united with Christ.

*Why?*

**Next week:**

What should I look to God for and what am I responsible for myself?