



A Divine Warning Label

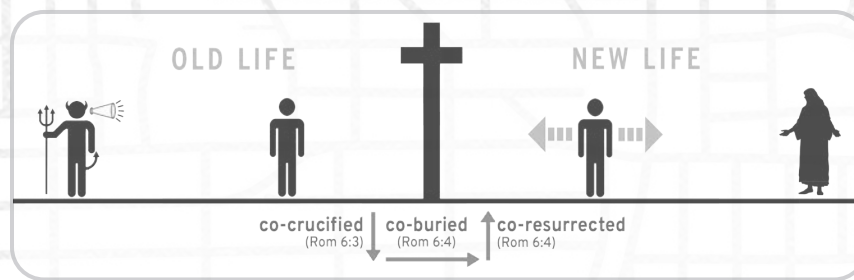
ROMANS 6:1-23

Three steps to heeding Paul's warning:

FIRST STEP: We need to _____ we have a new identity in Christ.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? vv. 1-3

- Living in sin involves identity amnesia.
- We don't only believe IN Christ, we believe INTO Christ.



SECOND STEP: We need to _____ ourselves dead to sin and alive to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. v. 11

- The Greek word for *consider* means to *calculate, take into account, figure*.
- Sin no longer defines you—Christ does.

THIRD STEP: We need to _____ ourselves in obedience to the One who gives life.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 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. vv. 12-13

- Grace doesn't free us TO sin, it frees us FROM sin.
- If you don't live for God, you are serving another master.



ON THE ROAD OF INTENTIONAL, PRACTICAL OBEDIENCE

"DO NOT"

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness ... v. 13a

EARS: What are you listening to? Are you presenting your ears to gossip?

EYES: What are you gazing at? Are you careful about what media you take in?

MOUTH: Rash words pierce like a sword and have the power of life and death

"DO"

... but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. v. 13b

MOUTH: Can be used for praise, encouragement and speaking the truth in love

HANDS: Can be used to offer your best service

FEET: Can be instruments of righteousness

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DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 6:1-23. If Christians are dead to sin, why do they sin?

2. What does Paul mean when he says that we *died to sin*?

3. Does the fact that we have eternal security in Christ mean that Christians have a license to sin because we know we'll be forgiven?

4. Why is the thought of whether we have a license to sin the litmus test of whether we correctly understand God's grace? (See 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 5:19-23; 1 Jn 3:6-9.)

5. Will we ever be free from the tug of sin in this life? Can we ever be perfect? Then what does a life of consistent victory over sin look like?

6. How did the boxed illustration of the old life and the new life from the sermon help you understand these concepts more clearly? What specific aspect of the old life do you need to cast off so that you can walk in newness of life?

Over the next week, meditate often on your union with Christ and what it means for living your life now.

"There are only two kinds of persons: those dead in sin and those dead to sin."

LEONARD RAVENHILL

"Paul means that if you are in Christ, when He died on the cross, you died in Him. It is not something that you feel, but rather a fact that is true of you because God declares it to be true. If Christ our Head died, we who are His body died with Him. This is our new status or position before God. Since Christ died to sin (6:10) and we are now in Him, we died to sin. We derive the benefits of His death because we are now in Him. ... Present yourself to God as a slave of righteousness. He is your new Master. You no longer have authority over your body. He does. Obey His Word. Remember your shameful past as a slave of sin before He redeemed you. Keep in mind your blessed present, enjoying all of the unfathomable riches of Christ. Look forward to your glorious spiritual future of eternal life free from all sin in the presence of the One who died to save you. You won't be sinlessly perfect in this life, but you can grow in holiness and consistently win over sin. ... The description of this newness of life as 'a walk' implies a long, steady, gradual process. Paul is not talking about sinless perfection, but rather a direction of life in which we sin less and less. Over time, we should make progress in holy, obedient living as those who have been raised up with Christ."

STEVEN COLE

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God: "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

FORT WORTH CAMPUS NIGHT Our heart at Christ Chapel is to create a church family that is familiar, no matter the size. On Sunday, August 18, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary, a Fort Worth Campus Night will be hosted for all of us to get to know each other better, see familiar faces, meet more of the staff and walk away knowing a little more about the place we be, make and reach together. Let us know you're coming by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/campusunight.

HOPE UNSHAKEABLE We know the heartbreaking reality that child loss grief doesn't go away - it can be lonely and isolating. When each parent grieves differently or support fades away, where do you go with the grief? Caring for each other's burdens and grief is what the Church does, and in this small group designed for women ages 18 and older, you can walk with other mothers through the grief and together begin to live in the truth that God is near to the brokenhearted. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

MUSIKGARTEN Designed as an interactive music class for you and your newborn, toddler and preschoolers, Musikgarten is where a love for music and musical skills are born through active movement and songs. We'd love to have you and your family join us for this spring semester! Sign up at www.ccocfamily.org/musikgarten.

DTS LEARNING LABS Throughout this year, we've planned new ways for all of us to Be, Make and Reach—and that includes our new DTS Learning Labs. These classes, taught by Dallas Theological Seminary professors, are an in-depth dive into major questions and theological topics! Register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/dts.



ELDER AND DEACON

CANDIDATES Scan this QR code to see our full list of Elder and Deacon nominations. This list has been unanimously approved by our Board of Elders, and there you'll also find the constitutional requirements for these leadership positions. If you are a constitutional member of Christ Chapel, you'll receive a voting link at the end of this week to cast your ballot by the following Sunday, Aug. 25. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting held on that same day at 1 p.m. in the Oak Room.



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