

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 7: Romans 6:1-23, "Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ"

I. Romans 6:1-4

1. If "where sin abounded, grace abounded much more" (5:20b), what might people logically conclude? (v. 1)

2. Why is this logic faulty? (v. 2)

3. How have we died to sin?

4. How do we live?

5. How is Baptism not just an event that happened in the past?

6. How does this echo Luther's Small Catechism- What does such baptizing with water indicate?

II. Romans 6:5-11

7. So what has the Holy Spirit through baptism accomplished in us? (v. 5,6)

United us: a)

b)

8. How have we been set free from sin? (What no longer has control over us?)

III. Romans 6:12-14

9. How does the regenerated will of the Christian exert itself? (v 11-13)

10. Give examples of how the members of the human body are used for sin. (Mark 9:43-48)

11. Yet how are these members used as instruments for righteousness?

12. Because we are under grace, how does sin not have dominion over us?

IV. Romans 6:15-23

13. How does Paul sharpen his rhetoric about either being dead in sin or alive in Christ?

14. What is the “standard of teaching”? (v 17)

15. Looking at v 20, what are the thoughts towards righteousness of someone who is a slave of sin?

16. Paul uses the imagery of slavery for our human limitations. And yet how is our life compared to being slaves of God? (v 22)

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 6:2-5, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. 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.”

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