

LESSON - ROMANS 6:1-5 (NIV based)

THEME - Because we have been justified (or declared righteous) by faith, we have
POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification = the act of God setting apart someone or something for holy use

v.1 go on sinning? = permit to sin?

v.2 We died to sin - power of sin to control us has been broken

vv. 3-4 our old life of obedience to the power of sin died with Christ

v.4 we have been freed from the penalty & power of sin to live a new life

v.5 the means: we are united with Christ

Q: Does this mean we no longer sin? A: No. see vv.11,12 do not let sin reign

Q: Does baptism mentioned in vv.3, 4 = water baptism? A: No.

Baptism = identification; "to dip, immerse"; regeneration thru union with Christ,
His death & resurrection

It illustrates & demonstrates the inner work of salvation - see vv.2-3 - not justified
by water baptism Rom. 5:1.

Q: Do these verses imply that there is power available to conquer sin in the believer's
life? A: Yes. see Eph. 1:18-20

Q: If this is true that the power of sin to control us has been defeated and a much more
stronger power from God is available to believers to live a new life which is victorious over
sin, how do we go about drawing on this power from God? A: find in Rom. 6

BIG IDEA: Think about this week: In the same way that we cannot achieve salvation on
our own, we cannot achieve a maximally sanctified life without God's power and help.
Keeping in mind that God has declared us righteous even though we do not deserve it,
deep down inside do you & I truly desire to do whatever it takes to completely draw upon
God's power to the maximum to live a new, sanctified life which is totally dead to sin?

Also to contemplate: Why does sin continue to hold many believers in bondage?

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