

## ROMANS 6:1-7

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

**#1** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

**#2** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.

**#3** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Know ye not? Paul is asking, "Do you know the following?" Considering the question, "Shall we continue in sin?" Paul is telling us that we need to know this one thing. He's saying, "Make sure you know this: That so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death."

When are we seriously asked this question? Shall I continue in sin?

- I believe this we're asked this question every day.
- This is the question of temptation.
- Take out the "continue in" and what is left? Shall I sin?
- Now this implies that we have a choice.
- You have a choice whether to sin or not to sin
- You have choice to say let forth what's at the tip of your tongue or to bite it.
- You have a choice to think on something or not think on something.
- You have a choice to do right instead of wrong.
- Every day, all day long, your life is filled with choices.
- And one choice you must make every day, and all day long is, "Shall I sin?"

If you have trouble with this question, Paul is saying to know this one thing. Make sure you know that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death. As many of us.. That means that every single one, every single person, that was baptized into Jesus Christ was most definitely baptized into his death. You cannot be baptized into Jesus Christ and not be baptized into his death, on the cross, at Calvary.

Now what does this mean? What does it mean to be baptized into Jesus Christ. Now this is some real basic doctrinal stuff here, but you'll be

amazed how little people think about these things are make an honest effort to get it all straight in their heads.

Probably the #1 mistake people make, is that when they see the word "baptize" they immediately assume that the text is talking about water baptism. Water baptism being the ceremony that we perform where we take a new convert or new believer, and upon their profession of faith, we dunk them in water. Buried in the likeness of his death (in he goes into the water), Raised in the likeness of his resurrection (out he comes out of the water). That is called water baptism or baptism in/into water.

Now, that being said, just because someone has been baptized into water, does not mean necessarily that they have been baptized (as the text says) into Jesus Christ. They may have made a profession of faith. They may have joined the church. They may have attended church faithfully all their life. And they have participated in a baptismal service.

*So important - command*  
Now here's the thing. I don't want to belittle water baptism, because it's important and we consider it a command. But I want to be honest about this. Anybody can get baptized into water. I heard this before. You can fool all the people some of the time. You can fool some of the people all the time. But you can't fool all the people all the time. What I'm saying is that you can fool yourself, and fool enough people in a church to get yourself in the baptismal. And sadly the is pretty prevalent in this day. Baptism into Jesus Christ is not the same thing as baptism into water.

The mediums are different. For example, if someone says they're an artist and they do portraits, it doesn't tell us what medium they use. Do they use charcoal? Do they use pastels? Do they use graphite, oil, enamel, acrylic, or maybe even watercolor?

Likewise, when we speak of baptism, what is the medium. Are we talking about baptizing into water, or baptizing into Jesus Christ, or perhaps we're talking about baptism into fire!

To baptize means to submerge, to immerse, to overwhelm. One of the problems is that when we use the word baptize today, we most often mean to submerge into water. The medium that is used to baptize which is water is implied because that's how we use the word today and that's how we understand it. If I ask someone off the street, "Hey have you ever been

baptized?” He’s going to probably say, “Yeah! I remember the water was cold as ice!” He’s not going to look at me confused and say, “Baptized into what?” This is because the way we use the word today, the medium of water is implied. However, back when they used the word back then, the medium of baptism was something that needed to be specified directly or by context. Baptize alone meant only to submerge, immerse, or overwhelm.

You might be thinking, “That sure seems like a useless technicality that I’m missing my NFL playoffs for right now!” But it’s a serious thing. Read the text again and substitute today’s usage where the word is. In other words, take out the word “baptized” and put in today’s understanding which is “baptized by water” It reads as follows: “So many of us were baptized by water into Jesus Christ...” Now what does that imply? It doesn’t imply it, it says it. I just read it. “So many of us were baptized by water into Jesus Christ...!” What did I just say? I just created a new religion. I just read to you another gospel. And this is exactly what other religions do. This is how they teach you that you must be baptized by water to be in Jesus Christ. But that is not what it says. But it is what it implies if you let the word “baptized” mean “baptized by water”. And the text is quickly turned into a lesson on how to be saved, or how to get into Jesus Christ. And that’s not it. Paul is not trying to teach on how to be saved. He’s trying to help us with the question that this world and this flesh never stops asking, “Shall we continue in sin?”

So baptized into Jesus Christ; submerged, immersed, and overwhelmed by Jesus Christ. Baptized into Jesus Christ; I want to think about this for a minute. Does it mean to be overwhelmed by the love of God, completely covered by the mercy of God, or overwhelmed by the power of his Christ? Does it mean to be submerged by the blood of Jesus Christ? There’s a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Or does it mean to be immersed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ; baptized into Jesus Christ? Baptized into Jesus Christ, means to be plunged into Him! We’re not just painted with Christianity. We are drowned in Christ. Under the power of, completely surrounded by, under the influence of, every void and fold filled with, soaked and saturated in the love of God.

Now understand, even though, to ponder these things make me feel good, this is not a matter of feelings, but a matter of fact.

Paul didn't say, "Feel ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ..." No he said "KNOW ye not!" Paul is asking us, do you know the facts.

Being baptized in Christ is a matter of facts and truth. It's a matter of position and standing.

- 1 Peter 5:12, Peter testifies that "this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand."
- Romans 5:2, Paul says "we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
- 1 Corinthians 15:1, "...I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved,..."
- Ephesians 2:6, God has, "...raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

To be baptized into Christ, is to be placed in that standing. And you cannot place yourself. It's like water baptism. You can't baptize yourself. You have to have a baptizer, or maybe I should say, you've got to have a Baptist. In water baptism, the preacher does the job. But when someone is baptized into Jesus Christ, it's the Holy Ghost that does the baptizing. It's God himself that places you in Jesus Christ. It's God that does it. "I know that, whatsoever God doeth," as the preacher says Ecclesiastes, "it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

> Notes

#3 (1 Cor 15:1-4) Red

If we're baptized into JC, then #1 crucified with him, #2 buried with him

#3 Resurrected w/him...

- Red vs 4: ... like a SC Christ

- Red vs 5:

ESTAMOS

juntamente resurrectados

con Cristo

Now if you are IN Christ; baptized into Christ then Paul says know this: That ye are also baptized into his death...

- And I'd like to use those same words again...

- You are submerged, immersed, overwhelmed by the death of Jesus Christ... Drowned into his death. Under the power of his Death, surrounded by, under the influence of, every void & field filled with, soaked & saturated into the death of Jesus Christ...

- Satan's morbid, yet it's wonderful that the death of Christ has reached every secret place, every dark place, every chasm in this wicked heart... [curse is everywhere, it turns up everywhere, in every nook and cranny, it's there, every void it's there...]

→ He comes to make his blessing known for as the curse is found - Amen...

- Now what does this mean? To be baptized into... To be baptized into his death...

#1 We're crucified with him... (Read vs 6)

Paul said, "I'm crucified with Christ"

We... to some extent... have participated in the crucifixion with Christ...

- Now I don't want to take away the substitutional aspect of Christ's Death...

- Christ was our substitute

- He took our place

But thank God like the Christians say proclaim?

estamos juntamente crucificados con Cristo

in every nook and cranny it's there, every void it's there... It's deep inside... Some people will tell you that deep inside man is good... No - Deep down in the heart man is wicked & evil...

- He stood where we should have stood
- He suffered where we should of suffered
- He was our substitute, in that he went to the cross in our stead

However... the NT is clear... we are also crucified WITH Christ.

- Jesus died for our sins, but in order to do that, he had to take them upon him.
- "He was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of GOD!"

- SIN is our nature. And Jesus took with him upon the CROSS OUR NATURE

- And it's not something you can take off like a sweater or a hat.

- No it's a part of you & as integral as your very heart.

- And Jesus took that part of us with him on that cross.

- So be careful when you say I don't have to go to Calvary because he went.

- Yes you still have to go, but we go in Christ.

#2. We're buried with him (Read vs 4)

(Read Luke 23:50-56)

(Somos sepultados juntamente con Cristo)

Rom 6:4  
NEEDY  
BURIED

- We worry about funeral arrangements
- Where we're gonna be buried, how we're gonna pay for it
- But for ~~DEAD~~ Folk, it's already taken care of and recorded here in the bible
- ↳ - Why, because we were buried with him
- What we are to see is the FINALITY of the transaction
- Buried means it's over, TO DUST YES/HELL RETURN
- The Beast of SIN IS DESTROYED, when it's DEAD & has lost all life, you bury it. Never to see it again
- Those who buried Christ, did so in mourning and in sadness because they knew this was the end
- But for us it's glory, it's relief, it's FREEDOM because part of us is buried in that tomb
- [Road VS 7] - The part that brings sadness & sorrow & pain
- \* He that is Dead is Freed from sin!!
- The Bible says that wages of sin is death
- In Christ, that truth is fulfilled
- In Christ, we have received our just recompense
- In Christ, the wages have been paid, the debt has been paid

"O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death?"

crucified with Christ  
on Calvary's cross  
and

- This body of death was buried with Christ in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea
- Now to live again --- (Eph 2:1-5)  
We're now alive
- Christ delivered us from the body of death
- Now let me ask you this ---  
shall we continue in sin? Or better yet  
"How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"
- How can you live on a cross?
- How can you live in a tomb?
- How can you continue in that fashion?

Let me ask you this: Are you dead to sin?  
Doesn't feel like it ~~does~~ sometimes, does it...

Well, thank God, it's <sup>NOT</sup> a matter of feelings, it's a matter of fact & standing

1 Cor 15:1 -- "I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... which ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved"

Have you received the gospel? Have you put your faith & trust in gospel on Jesus Christ?

Which brings us to #3