

Walking in Newness of Life

Romans 6:1–14

Sermon Handout

Introduction: The Meaning of Baptism

- Baptism is a **foundational command** (Matthew 28:18–20)
 - It is a **lifelong reference point** for every believer
 - Like a wedding ring, baptism:
 - Reminds us of what Christ has done
 - Reminds us of who we now are
 - Baptism is a **God-given tool to fight sin**
 - You are **not who you once were**
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I. Understand the Basics of Baptism: Real Transformation Has Happened (Romans 6:1–4)

1. Baptism = Union with Christ

- United with Christ in:
 - **His death** → death to sin
 - **His resurrection** → new life

2. The Gospel Contrast

- In Adam → **Condemnation**
- In Christ →
 - **Justification** (sin's penalty paid)

- o **Life** (new power to live)

3. The Meaning of Justification

- Jesus paid the **penalty of sin** (Romans 6:23)
- God remains **just and the justifier** (Romans 3:21–26)
- Fulfilled in Christ's substitution (Isaiah 53)

4. The Result of Christ's Work

- **Grace pays for sin's guilt**
- **Grace breaks sin's grip**

👉 *Key Truth:*

Because Jesus died for your sin, sin no longer has power over you.

II. Continuously Believe Your Baptism: Transformation Can and Will Happen (Romans 6:5–11)

1. Your Baptism Represents Reality

- You are:
 - o **Dead to sin**
 - o **Alive to God**

2. Freedom from Sin's Power

- Old self crucified (Romans 6:6)
- No longer enslaved (Romans 6:7)
- New identity:
 - o *"New creation"* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - o *"Christ lives in me"* (Galatians 2:20)

3. Freedom from Sin's Lies

- We must **“consider” (reckon)** ourselves:
 - Dead to sin
 - Alive to God (Romans 6:11)
- The enemy says:
 - “You’re still a slave”
- The gospel says:
 - “You are free”

👉 *Key Truth:*

Your identity in Christ must shape your thinking daily.

III. Battle with Your Baptism: Let Your New Reality Fight Sin (Romans 6:12–14)

A. Defy Sin’s Tyranny

- Do not let sin **reign** (Romans 6:12)
- Refuse to offer your body to sin
- Sin is a **defeated master**
- You must actively say:
 - “No”

👉 *Picture:* Sin is a dethroned king—don’t obey it.

B. Enlist in God’s Service

- Present yourself to God (Romans 6:13)
- You are:
 - **Alive from the dead**

- o **An instrument for righteousness**
- Daily surrender:
 - o “Here I am, Lord—use me”

👉 *Key Truth:*

You will serve someone—now you serve Christ.

Conclusion: Live What Your Baptism Declares

- Baptism is not just a moment—it is a **message for life**
- It declares:
 - o I have died with Christ
 - o I am alive in Christ
 - o I belong to Christ

Final Encouragement

- Stop listening to sin
 - Start living in grace
 - Walk in newness of life
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Key Verse

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
— Romans 6:11