

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Fall Term of 2021**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
CHAPTERS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT OF ROMANS—  
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

Message Four

**Identified with Christ in His Death and Resurrection**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 6:3-6; 1 Cor. 1:30a; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5-6; John 15:1, 4-5

- I. “All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death”—Rom. 6:3:**
- A. Baptism is not a form or a ritual; it signifies our identification with Christ—v. 3.
  - B. Through baptism we are immersed into Christ, taking Him as our realm, so that we may be united with Him as one in His death and resurrection—Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12-13.
  - C. We were born in the sphere of Adam, the first man (1 Cor. 15:45, 47), but through baptism we have been transferred into the sphere of Christ (1:30; Gal. 3:27), the second man (1 Cor. 15:47).
  - D. Christ and His death are one—Rom. 6:3-4a:
    - 1. Apart from Him we could never be baptized into His death.
    - 2. Christ’s death has separated us from the world and the satanic power of darkness and has terminated our natural life, our old nature, our self, our flesh, and even our entire history—v. 6; Gal. 2:20; 5:24.
    - 3. The element of His effective death is found only in Him, the resurrected, all-inclusive One—John 20:25-29; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Phil. 3:10-11.
  - E. We have been buried with Christ through baptism into His death; our old man has been crucified with Christ, and it has been buried with Him through baptism into death—Rom. 6:4a, 6a.
- II. “Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life”—v. 4b:**
- A. We were buried with Christ into His death, and we have been resurrected as He was; hence, we should walk in newness of life—Col. 2:12; Eph. 2:5; Rom. 6:4.
  - B. To walk in newness of life means to live in the realm of resurrection and to reign in life—v. 4; 5:17.
  - C. Concerning the matter of life, Romans 5:10 says that we will be saved in the life of God’s Son, 5:17 speaks of reigning in life, and 6:4 declares that we have died and have been buried with Christ so that we might walk in newness of life.
  - D. After baptism we become a new person in resurrection; resurrection is not only a future state but is also a present process—2 Cor. 5:17; Phil. 3:10-11.
  - E. Newness of life is closely related to the life-giving Spirit, who is Christ Himself in His resurrection; the Spirit is the way to walk in newness of life—1 Cor. 15:45b.
  - F. Walking in newness of life is the kind of living that deals with all that is of Adam in us until we are fully transformed and conformed to the image of Christ—Rom. 8:29.
- III. “If we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection”—6:5:**
- A. This denotes an organic union in which growth takes place—1 Cor. 6:17.

- B. In the organic union with Christ, His death and resurrection are now ours because we are in Him and organically joined to Him—1:30; 6:17.
- C. We have been grafted into Christ—Rom. 11:17-24:
  - 1. Grafting is the uniting of two lives as one so that they may share one mingled life and one living—John 15:1, 4-5, 9-11.
  - 2. This grafting discharges all our negative elements, resurrects and uplifts our God-created faculties, and saturates our entire being to transform us—Rom. 12:2.
  - 3. In order for us to be grafted into Christ, He had to pass through the processes of incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection and become the life-giving Spirit—John 1:14; Gal. 3:1; Acts 2:24; John 20:9; 1 Cor. 15:4, 45.
  - 4. As believers in Christ, we should live a grafted life—a life in which we are one spirit with Him and live in an organic union with Him—6:17; John 15:1, 4-5.
- D. The likeness of Christ's resurrection is the newness of life—Rom. 6:4-5:
  - 1. The word *resurrection* in verse 5 does not refer to a future, objective resurrection but to the present process of growth.
  - 2. When we were baptized, we grew with Christ in the likeness of His death; now, through His death we are growing into His resurrection—v. 5.
  - 3. Just as the element of Christ's death is found only in Him, so the element of Christ's resurrection is found only in Christ Himself; He is resurrection—John 11:25.
  - 4. After experiencing a proper baptism, we continue to grow in and with Christ in the likeness of His resurrection, that is, to walk in newness of life—Rom. 6:4-5.

#### IV. “Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him”—v. 6a:

- A. “Knowing this” is actually the seeing of a fact in a spiritual vision—v. 6a:
  - 1. Our knowing is based upon our seeing, and our seeing comes from a vision.
  - 2. We need a vision to see our co-crucifixion with Christ in Romans 6:6-7 and our co-resurrection with Christ in verses 8 through 10.
  - 3. We need to pray for God to grant us a clear vision in our spirit so that we may see the glorious fact revealed in Romans 6.
- B. In Romans 5 we were born in Adam and constituted sinners; in Romans 6 we have been baptized into Christ, and we have been identified with Christ in His death and resurrection:
  - 1. Now we are in Christ—1 Cor. 1:30.
  - 2. In the organic union with Christ, whatever He has passed through has become our history—Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5-6:
    - a. The history of Christ is the experience of the Christian, and the experience of Christ is the history of the Christian; we have nothing apart from Christ—Rom. 6:6.
    - b. The Scriptures tell us that we were crucified with Christ, raised with Him, and seated by God in the heavenlies in Him—Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5-6.
    - c. All the spiritual experience of the Christian is already true in Christ; it has already been experienced by Christ—Rom. 6:3-6:
      - (1) What we have is an entering into His experience—1 Cor. 1:30.
      - (2) We only enter into Christ's history; we do not make our own history.
      - (3) God does not give individual believers an individual experience; all that we have is only an entering into of what God has already done in Christ—v. 30; Eph. 2:5-6.
    - d. If we enter into Christ's history, into His experience, His history becomes our experience, and His experience becomes our history.
    - e. A genuine spiritual life in Christ begins when we see and realize that Christ's history is our history, and Christ's experience is our experience—Gal. 2:20.