

# WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

## A STUDY IN OUR CHANGED IDENTITY

“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

~ Romans 6:2

### 1. Introduction

- a. The most important thing you can learn after what Christ did is who Christ made you
- b. Romans 6-8 are very important chapters dealing with your identity
  - i. Rom 1-3 all are sinners, 3-5 saves from *sins*; 6-8 saves from *sin*
  - ii. Rom 3-5 justification; Rom 6-8 sanctification (separate identity)
  - iii. Rom 3-5 salvation (what was done); Rom 6-8 service (who you are)
  - iv. Rom 6 (Corinthians), Rom 7 (Gal), Rom 8 (Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col)
- c. Your identity in Christ: your position (6), your nature (7), your mind (8)
- d. Motivation, means, mind; position, performance, power; will, way, walk
- e. Romans 6 explains that we are dead to sin, the crucified life, the resurrected life

### 2. Our Motivation to Sin

- a. Romans 5:21 said sin reigned unto death, but now grace reigns unto life... so
- b. *"shall we continue in sin... that grace may abound?"* – No! Grace kills our motivation.
- c. Romans 6:23 – the wages of sin is death, what was the fruit of sin? Rom 6:22
- d. There is no incentive to sin under grace according to Rom 6:16
- e. Sin enslaves, sin kills, sin is a shame, sin is unclean, sin denies what Christ did
- f. We live not in sin, but by the death and resurrection of Christ – Rom 6:3, 6
- g. If you're dead, your free from sin, and free to live in Christ – Rom 6:7-10
- h. The incentive/ the motivation to live in Christ is in Rom 6:22-23

### 3. Our Will to Sin

- a. Motivation is different than desire. Grace should change our "want to", our desire
- b. "Shall we continue" is answered by a statement of the will "dead to sin" – Rom 6:2
- c. Remember, a saved person understands Rom 3:10-12, 22-26, 5:1, 5:11
- d. Knowing and wanting are two different things – we have a choice to make.
- e. *"Reckon ye also yourselves to be"* – This is a conscience choice you make – Ro 6:11
- f. *"dead indeed to sin"* – do you still invite sin, talk to it, negotiate with it?
  - i. If you are dead to sin, then live unto something else → God through Christ
- g. *"Let not sin reign..."* – We know sin does not, but we must not let it in us – Ro 6:12
- h. *"Neither yield your members"* – You choose how you use yourself – Ro 6:13
  - i. *"as those alive from the dead"* – This is the resurrected life unto God
- i. *"Ye have obeyed..."* – This means you have heard and believed – Rom 6:17

### 4. Our Position to Sin

- a. *"ye were baptized into Jesus Christ"* – when did this happen? A: Rom 3-5
- b. Not under the dominion of sin or death – 6:9, 14
- c. *"shall we sin, because we are under grace and nothing is expected of us?"* – Ro 6:15
- d. Paul's answer concerns your position in Christ, who you serve now – 6:16
- e. *"freed from sin"* – 6:7 – means you are servants of righteousness – Ro 6:18, 22
- f. You are servants of God in Christ, perhaps we should act like who we are!