

ROMANS 23 – 6:5-14

How Shall We Live?

1. 6:5

- a. *"How shall we... live"* – Paul is beginning to talk about walking in new life
- b. Rom 5 explained the two natures of Adam and Christ; Rom 6 two natures in us
- c. The tendency is to go back to the law to fix our sin, but it fails – Gal 2:17-20
- d. Our life does not stop once God's grace is revealed – Col 2:6, Col 3:3
- e. *"if we have been ..."* – as a result of being identified with Christ by faith
- f. *"likeness..."* – we must know what are the likenesses?
- g. We walk by faith in Christ which is to know spiritual things – Rom 6:2, 6:6, 6:9

2. 6:6

- a. *"Our old man"* – Eph 4:22, which is the corrupt lustful sinful man in Adam
 - i. Don't confuse this with your body which is for the Lord – 1 Cor 6:13-15
- b. *"is crucified with him"* – Grace does not let you run free, it nails it to the cross
- c. There is no way to live through that cross without death and resurrection
- d. *"body of sin... destroyed"* – the sin nature becomes powerless through death
- e. Col 2:11 is our separation from sin, Rom 6:4-6 our death and burial to it
- f. *"no longer serve sin"* – it does not have judicial power over you nailed to the cross

3. 6:7-10

- a. Dead men can't live, Adam's life ends at physical death, we died with Christ.
- b. Christ died once, that to sin, to show his power over it and to destroy its power
- c. You trust his death for your sins, but do you trust his resurrection for your life?
- d. Where is Christ raised? We are likewise resurrected – Eph 1:19, 2:1-6, Rom 8:11
- e. In Adam we have no power over sin, but you are in Christ! – Phil 4:13

4. 6:11-13

- a. *"reckon"* – to acknowledge to be true, affirming as correct, recognizing
- b. *"yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin"* – Christ died unto sin, and so did you
- c. The problem: people like sin too much; they don't want to rid themselves of it.
- d. *"but alive..."* – There is more! You can't replace something w/ nothing
- e. We live unto God, giving glory to him, seated in heaven in Christ.
- f. *"let not sin reign"* - Refuse to live a life unto sin, live by God's grace in Christ

5. 6:14

- a. Where sin reigned, grace did much more abound through Christ – Rom 5:21
- b. The law cannot condemn you, sin has no power over you – 1 Cor 15:56
- c. *"but under grace"* – which is a higher calling, but without the sin and death
- d. Live unto God, by faith (knowing and reckoning), put on Christ! - Col 3:10