

Romans 6:1-4 • Union with Christ

Overview & Review:

Romans, written by Paul under inspiration by the Holy Spirit, is about the Gospel. The Gospel is the good news of God's work of redemption. In it, man's inability is contrasted with God's gracious work of salvation. The security of the believer is a major theme, if not the main theme. The weakest link in our security would be at the point of our *perceived* contribution, our role. The letter to the Romans methodically and tediously reveals that we are saved by God alone. Our security is not rooted in our ability to hang onto God but in God's great power to hold onto us. There are no weak links because it is a work of God from beginning to end.

Abraham believed God...

"Let us never forget that our old selves died with him on the cross that the tyranny of sin over us might be broken—for a dead man can safely be said to be immune to the power of sin." Romans 6:7 J.B. Phillips New Testament

Romans 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, **death reigned** through that one man, **much more** will **those who receive** the **abundance of grace** and **the free gift of righteousness reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:21 so that, as **sin reigned** in death, **grace also might reign** through **righteousness** leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Colossians 1:13 **He has delivered us from the domain of darkness** and **transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?**

Romans 6:2 Certainly not! **How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**

Romans 6:11-12

So you also must consider yourselves **dead to sin and alive to God** in Christ Jesus. **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body**, to make you obey its passions.

Romans 6:3 Or **do you not know** that as many of us as **were baptized into Christ Jesus** were **baptized into His death?**

1Corinthians 12:13 For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Ephesians 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive **together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved),

Ephesians 2:6 and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together** in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Romans 6:4 Therefore **we were buried with Him** through baptism into death, that just as **Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father**, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**

Romans 1:4 *and declared to be the Son of God* with power according to the Spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead.**

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ**, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

John 15:4 **Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; **for without Me you can do nothing.**

1Corinthians 1:30 And because of him (God) **you are in Christ Jesus**, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1Corinthians 1:31 so that, as it is written, “**Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.**”

Romans 6:5 For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His resurrection*,

1Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive.**

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Ephesians 1:4 just as **He chose us in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Philippians 3:9 and **be found in Him**, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, **but that which is through faith in Christ**, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

1John 4:13 By this **we know that we abide in Him**, and **He in us**, because **He has given us of His Spirit.**

Galatians 2:20 **I have been crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 1:26 the **mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has **been revealed to His saints.**

Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Romans 8:10 And **if Christ is in you**, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

2Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. **Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?**—unless indeed you are disqualified.

“If we are united to Christ, then we are united to him at all points of his activity on our behalf.”

Sinclair Ferguson

We are baptized into Him, so what happened to Him has happened to us; and we are baptized into His death. This has happened to all Christians because of their union with Him.”

M.L. Jones

Question 60 of the Heidelberg Catechism asks, “How are you righteous before God?”

Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ; that is, though my conscience accuse me that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

1Corinthians 6:17 But **he who is joined to the Lord** is one spirit *with Him*.

Ephesians 1:22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave **Him to be head over all things to the church,**

Ephesians 1:23 **which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

1Corinthians 15:22 For as in **Adam** all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, "*The first man **Adam** became a living being.*" The last **Adam** *became* a life-giving spirit.

"But get hold of this, understand this, that we are baptized into the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Everything that was true of Adam became true of me because I was in Adam and came out of him. In exactly the same way - only as he has argued in chapter 5, 'still more' - grace has 'abounded', 'superabounded'. All that is in Christ, and true of Him in His relationship with the redeemed, is mine because I am 'in Him', and all that He has done and has accomplished becomes mine, as all that Adam did and accomplished became mine."

"Because we are joined to Him, we were baptized and joined in His death. We died with Him - that is the whole case - otherwise we are not Christians."

M.L. Jones

Romans 8:1a *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are **in Christ** Jesus...

Romans 8:35a Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Revelation 1:5 and from **Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

Revelation 1:6 and **has made us kings and priests to His God and Father**, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.