

Study Guide for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Meaning of Baptism. Romans 6:1-7

Introduction: How has your understanding of baptism changed during your life?

I. The FACT of our death to sin: (Rom. 6:1-2)

- A. What assumptions under gird, “Shall we go on sinning that grace may increase?”
- B. How does Paul respond? (See also 6:15, 7:7 & 7:13)
- C. Rephrase Paul’s question (vs. 2) into a statement by completing this sentence.  
“We who are Christians are no longer under the dominion of sin, therefore . . .
- D. Have you ever been lax in resisting some sin because you say or think,  
“It’s ok. God will forgive me. I just need to say I’m sorry.”

II. The PICTURE of our death to sin: (Rom. 6:3-4)

- A. What do these believers not realize about their baptism?
- B. What, according to vs. 4, was the purpose of the Christian’s baptism?
- C. Compare I Cor.15:3-4 &.Rom.6:2-5. How is the believer linked with Christ?
- D. Paul states the believer is buried **with** Christ not **like** Christ. What is the difference?
- E. Why do you think Paul emphasizes **baptism** instead of **faith** in this section?

III. The RESULTS of our death to sin: (Rom. 6:5-7)

- A. What can believers be assured of if they have been united with Christ in his death?
- B. What do these passages teach about being united in his (Christ’s) resurrection?
  - 1) Eph. 2:4-6:
  - 2) Col. 2:11-13:
  - 3) Philip. 3:20-21:
- C. What does Paul mean when he states our “old self” was crucified with him (Christ)?
- D. Read Gal. 2:20. How does this help explain the crucifixion of our **old self/man**?
- E. What is the ultimate result of being crucified with Christ? Why?
- F. How have you experienced liberation from the power of sin since coming to Christ?