

No Place to go but Forward

Romans 6:5-10

- Why then do we continue to struggle with sinning?
 - v.6 **"old self"**
 - Who we were "in Adam"
 - "body of sin"**
 - Our old nature
 - "might be done away with"**
 - our free will to choose to walk in our oldness or our newness.

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- Augustine:
 - Before Adam fell he was **"able to sin"** (*posse peccare*)
 - After his fall, Adam was (an us before coming to Christ) **"not able not to sin"** (*non posse non peccare*)
 - Those in Christ are **"able not to sin"** (*posse non peccare*)
 - Upon glorification those in Christ will be **"not able to sin"** (*non posse peccare*)

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Just, Sit Down

Romans 6:11
Up through Romans 6:10 how many times have we been urged to do something?
Not once!
v.6:11 is the first exhortation in Romans!
This is of vital importance!
We have been trained to **"just do it."**
We need to stop and truly understand the significance and importance of the finished work of Christ before we jump in to the "doing."

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Romans 6:11
"count yourselves to be dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."
Count yourselves to be dead to sin.
Why?
Because you and I are dead to sin.
What Paul principally wants us to understand here is what is called the "mystical union of believers with Jesus Christ."
Or, what it means to be "in Christ."

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Sanctification: Being Transformed!

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The first step in our sanctification (growth in holiness) is *counting* as true what is, in fact, true.

The key to living the Christian life lies in first *knowing* that God has taken us out of Adam and has joined us to Jesus Christ.

We are no longer subject to the reign of sin and death but have been *transferred* to the kingdom of God's abounding grace.

The secret to a abundant life is believing God!

- Heb. 4:3 "As I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter my rest."

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The just shall live by faith. (Rom. 1:16,17)

The Just – Romans

Shall Live – Ephesians

By Faith – Hebrews

Ephesians

- *Ephesians 1:1-3:21* Our position in Christ (toward God)—**Seated**
- *Ephesians 4:1-6:9* Our life in the world (toward man)—**Walk**
- *Ephesians 6:10-6:24* Our attitude to the enemy (toward Satan)—**Stand**

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Ephesians 1:1-3:21 Our position in Christ (toward God)—**Seated**

What does it mean to sit?

Heb. 1:3 – "He sat down"

John 19:30 – "It is finished!"

Our sanctification does not begin or proceed with a big DO, but with a once and for all DONE!

Eph. 2:6 – God seated us with Christ because we are in Christ

How did we get "in Christ?"

1 Cor. 1:30 and 2 Cor. 1:21,22

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"Our deliverance from sin is based, not on what we can do, nor even on what God is going to do for us, but on what he has already done for us in Christ. ... no Christian experience begins with walking, but always with a definite sitting down. The secret of deliverance from sin is not to do something but to rest on what God has done." (*Sit, Walk, Stand Nee*)

When Jesus died on the cross He not only bore my sins away but he bore me away too.

"*count* yourselves to be **dead to sin** but **alive to God in Christ Jesus.**"

Luke 14:16-17

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