**DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD**

Romans 6:1-23

Key Verse: 6:11

*“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”*

1. Read verses 1-2. What is in the mind of a person who raises the question in verse 1? What is the answer? What fundamental change takes place in a person when he is justified through faith in Jesus Christ?
2. Read verses 3-4. What does baptism symbolize? How does the baptism of the Holy Spirit confirm the change in one’s life? (See also Jn 3:3; 1Pe 1:3; 2Co 5:17) What does it mean to be baptized into Jesus' death? (See Gal 2:20)
3. Read verses 5-11. How does Christ's death and resurrection set us free from the power and guilt of sin? Why does death have no mastery over Christ? What does it mean that Christ died to sin once for all? That he lives to God? What does this mean to us (11)?
4. Read verses 12-14. Is our battle with sin over when we are born again? How can we deal with the desire to sin? How can we be instruments of righteousness? What can we learn here about the nature of the Christian's warfare–both negative and positive aspects?
5. Read verses 15-18. What is in the mind of the person who asks the question in verse 15? What determines a person's real master? What does it mean to “obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance”?
6. Read verses 19-23. What is the difference in the downward progression and the upward struggle? How can we grow in holiness? Why must we? What is the outcome of each process? Why is death called "wages"? Eternal life a "gift"?