

## Romans 6:1-4

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Paul writes this after writing the first five chapters of this epistle. We learned in the first three chapters that man is without excuse before God in the day of judgment: for all have sinned. BUT we also read about how God offers perfect righteousness through Jesus Christ; how God offers forgiveness of sins through faith in the blood of Christ; how God offers justification freely by his grace through Jesus Christ; how God sent Jesus Christ to be delivered for offences; how God offers peace to us through Jesus Christ by faith; how God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us; how Christ went the extra mile and died for his enemies; how God has reconciled us back unto himself by the death of his Son; how God offers us a complete atonement for our sins through Jesus Christ; how God offers eternal life as a free gift by that one man Jesus Christ, through faith.

What shall we say then? How about PRAISE THE LORD! How about THANK YOU JESUS! How about PRAISE YE HIS HOLY NAME! How about HALLELUJAH! How about GLORY TO GOD!

That's what we ought to say to that! We ought to say WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN AND HATH REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD. AND BLESSING AND HONOUR AND GLORY AND POWER BE UNTO HIM THAT SITTETH UPON THE THRONE AND UNTO THE LAMB FOR EVER AND EVER, AMEN!

So in light of all that God has done for us and given for us and blessed us with those spiritual and eternal blessings, shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **God forbid!**

God did not save us so we could one day go to heaven after a life living after the lusts of our heart and living in sin. If the Bible is right, not only did he save us from the penalty of sin, not only save us from death, hell, and the grave, he delivered us from the power of sin and this present evil world.

See Galatians 1:4. It is God's will for you to be delivered from this present evil world. The reason why a Christian isn't is because it's not his will to be delivered from this present evil world. He loves this world and loves pleasure more than he loves God. He's grown lukewarm and cold over the years and has become carnally minded. This is not God's will for the Christian.

\*Talk about the Wilderness vs. the Promised Land.

Peter said we have escaped the corruptions of this world, and corruption comes by lust (2 Peter 1:3-4).

This idea that you can do whatever you want after you got saved and it doesn't matter is evil and not in the Bible. In the Bible when the Spirit of God came upon a man and that man was born again, they were changed inwardly for ever. They were given a new man which comes along with new wants and new desires.

Some people think Christians can't have fun. Even some Christians believe that they are missing out and are commanded not to have fun and enjoy life because God told them clearly not to do certain things.

If you think getting drunk, fornicating, doing drugs, stealing, lying, gossiping, causing mischief, and cursing is "fun" than yes God doesn't want you to have fun. But just the fact that you actually are bothered because you can't partake of these things shows you your heart is messed up and you have pitched your tent towards Sodom and you are just waiting for an opportunity to go there. Those things aren't fun.

There are several of us here that have played in the pigpen for a while and we can all testify that the pleasure in those things is only temporary and it isn't worth it. For those of you that haven't spent a lot of time in the pigpen, let me tell you something, you haven't missed out on anything and it aint worth it. Don't let anybody fool you.

So in light of all that God has done for us, we should not continue a life of sin. One time a man asked me what keeps you going? I answered him, the love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). The only thing that will keep you from sin and doing evil is the great love of Christ and your love for him. If you can get a man to fall in love with Jesus Christ, you can get a man to quit sinning. So we try to lift up Jesus here and present him as altogether lovely because if you love God, you will keep his commandments and they won't be grievous unto you.

### **6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**

The Bible says that a Christian is dead to sin (Romans 6:2). The Bible also says we ought to count ourselves as dead to sin (Romans 6:11). Which one is it? They both are right.

When you were born again several things occurred:

1. Spiritual Circumcision (Colossians 2:11-3, Hebrews 4:12)
  - Your Soul and Spirit were literally severed from your physical body when you were born again. When you were born, somebody had to cut that umbilical cord that you use to live by. Likewise, when your repented and put your faith in Jesus Christ, your were born of the Spirit, and Doctor Jesus came and cut you off from that which you use to live by (i.e. your flesh). He came and said, you don't need to live by that anymore. So he separated your body from your soul and spirit.
2. Old things passed away, all things became new (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - The lusts of the old man have been crucified (Romans 6:6, Colossians 3:8-9, Galatians 5:24, 6:14)
  - You are a new creature and have a new man inside of you (Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10, Titus 3:5) which is not corruptible and cannot sin (1 Peter 3:4, 1 John 3:6-10). God puts his will and the ability to perform his will inside of you by (Philippians 2:13, Romans 7:18)
3. King Saul a good type of the new birth (1 Samuel 10:1-13)

So why would a dead man live any longer in it? Answer: The old man was resurrected after he was destroyed (Galatians 2:16-21).

### **What you feed the most is what you'll be the most.**

God gave you a great start when he saved you, it's up to you to eat your food and grow up into Christ.

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### **Baptisms in the Bible**

Baptism – means to immerse in something, to wash in something.

The Bible says we were baptized in Christ and baptized into his death. So what does that mean? It means we have partaken of his death, burial, and LORD-willing, soon, his resurrection.

\*No babies or infants were ever baptized anywhere in the word of God in any language or any translation under heaven.

1. **Baptism of Moses** (1 Corinthians 10:2)

- Did their water baptism save them out of Egypt? No the blood of the lamb did that. Likewise, water baptism doesn't save you, the blood the Lamb is what saves you!

## **2. Baptism of Water** (Matthew 3:6)

- Matthew 3:11 teaches you there is a difference between water baptism and Holy Ghost baptism.  
- Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus' baptism. He was baptized because it was a picture how would partake of our sins and die for our sins and drop them off into the sea and rise again from the sea (Romans 10:6-7).  
\*Nowhere in the Bible does water baptism take away or forgive someone of their sins (1 Peter 3:18-22, Acts 22:16).

### *Before the cross:*

- Water Baptism was the baptism of John. It was the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. John baptized with purpose to manifest the Messiah to Israel (John 1:31-34).

### *After the cross:*

- Water Baptism was in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
- Faith and Repentance first, then baptism (Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48; 16:30-33; 18:8)

## **3. Baptism of Fire** (Matthew 3:11-12)

- Refers to immersing a man into hell fire that is unquenchable

## **4. Baptism of Sins** (Luke 12:49-51)

- Refers to Jesus Christ taking upon himself the sins of the world. He bore in his body our sins on the tree (1 Peter 2:24); he became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:20-21).

## **5. Baptism of the Holy Ghost** (Mark 1:8, John 1:33)

- This is what the Bible calls one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). This is the one that really matters.  
- We partake of Christ's baptism and he was baptized with the Holy Ghost (Matthew 20:22-23).  
- We are put into the body of Christ at salvation (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:27).  
\*Baptized for the dead (1 Corinthians 15:29)  
- Referring us partaking of Christ's death (Romans 6:3), burial (Colossians 2:12), and resurrection (Romans 6:4).  
\*Mark 16:15-16 This can't be referring to water baptism (the thief on the cross), it's referring to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

So we are made partakers of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection through the Spirit. He placed us into Christ. That is what the Bible calls the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is Christ in you and you in Christ; the Holy Ghost in you and you in the Holy Ghost.