

THE STRUGGLE

ROMANS 6:1-11

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BIG REVIEW (The Gospel According to Romans):

- **"LOST":** Romans 1-3
- **Key Verse --** Romans 3:23 – "All have sinned."
- **Concept:** All of us are sinners, guilty before God, deserving the judgment of God.
- **"RESCUED":** Romans 4-5
- **Key Verse --** Romans 5:8 – "Christ died for us."
- **Concept:** God sent Jesus to die in our place even though we don't deserve it. All who turn from their sins and put their faith in Jesus will be saved.

Three elements of "THE GOSPEL" according to the Scriptures:

1. Jesus died for our sins.
2. He was buried.
3. He was raised from the dead.

Salvation comes by _____ ALONE, through _____ ALONE, in _____ ALONE.

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Two Questions in verse 1:

- A. Should we, as believers, keep on sinning?
- B. How CAN we keep sinning, if we are in Christ?

REMEMBER SPIRITUAL REALITIES:

1. Everybody begins life united/identified with _____, because of our natural birth and our sinful nature which we inherited from him.
2. Everybody NEEDS to be united/identified with _____, through a spiritual birth that comes only through faith.

ROMANS 6.7.8

3. Believers have a real, spiritual, mysterious _____ with Jesus.

- v. 3: "into Christ"
- v. 4: "buried with Him"
- v. 5: "united with Him" in death and in resurrection
- v. 6: "crucified with Him"
- v. 8: "died with Christ"
- v. 8: "live with Him"
- v. 11: "in Christ Jesus"

4. Baptism signifies our _____ in the gospel and our _____ with Jesus.

Reasons why "BELIEVER'S BAPTISM BY IMMERSION" is important to us:

- a. The word "baptize" means to immerse.
- b. Baptisms in the Bible were done by immersion.
- c. The symbolism in Romans 6 can only be captured by immersion.

5. Our union with Christ has real-life _____:

- a. _____ for our sins
- b. _____ with God
- c. _____ when we die
- d. Family _____ with other believers in the church
- e. Sense of purpose and mission as Christ's _____ on earth

6. There is a definite "already, but not yet" aspect of our _____ with Jesus.

- v. 11: "Consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God."
- The gospel calls us to live out the spiritual reality of our _____ from sin.

Obvious Issue: If I am so "unified" with Jesus, then how come I still STRUGGLE with all of these sins? And if I am "FREE" from sin, why do I still STRUGGLE with so much temptation?

Romans 6:12-14

NEXT WEEK: How the GOSPEL impacts my daily STRUGGLES with temptation and sin



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