

## Our New Life In Christ

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### I. The Secret to Living Differently

#### A. Chicken Farming Basics

#### B. Knowing How God Sees Us Changes How We Live

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”  
II Corinthians 5:17

### II. Dying to Really Live (Romans 6:1-14)

#### A. Romans as Paul’s Explanation of God’s Plan to Save Us

1. The fact of our sin and our need to repent (Rom. 3:23)

2. The fact of God’s love and Christ’s sacrifice (Rom 5:8)

3. The fact of our standing before God (Rom. 5:1-2)

#### B. Paul’s Response to Criticism About Grace (Eph. 2:8-9)

### III. Two Problems—One Solution

#### A. Sins and Sinners by Nature (Romans 3:23)

#### B. Not Guilty by the Blood (Romans 5:9)

“Since, therefore, we have now been justified [declared not guilty] by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.”  
(Romans 5:9)

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”  
(I John 1:7)

#### C. Crucified with Christ (Romans 6:5-8)

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”  
Galatians 2:20

### IV. Two Realities—One Choice

#### A. God’s Reality—Who We Are in Christ (Romans 6:6-7)

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” (I Cor. 10:13)

### B. False Reality—Satan’s Lies and Delusions

“Too many Christians are “betweeners”: they live between Egypt and Canaan, saved but never satisfied; or they live between Good Friday and Easter, believing in the Cross but not entering into the power and glory of the Resurrection. But Romans 6:4 teaches that we share His resurrection power today.”

(Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary)

### C. Which Reality Will You Choose to Live By?

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”  
(I Corinthians 6:11)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication [asking for help] with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
(Philippians 4:6-7)

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”  
(Philippians 4:19)

### V. How to Live in God’s Reality

#### A. KNOW Who We Are as God Sees Us (Romans 6:3)

#### B. RECKON God’s Truth as Our New Reality

“So you must consider [reckon] yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”  
(Romans 6:11)

#### C. PRESENT Ourselves Daily to God as His Instruments

1. Confess our sin and receive God’s forgiveness ( I John 1:9)

2. Read God’s Word and ask Him to impress it on our heart

3. Pray about our needs and ask to be filled with His Spirit

4. Be alert to God’s leading to be used in the lives of others

### VI. Baptism as a Picture of Our Romans 6 Experience in Christ

Recommended: The Normal Christian Life, by Watchman Nee