

In Christ
Romans 6:1-14

Paul challenges us to not allow sin to reign in us.

- He challenges based on the truth that we are *in Christ*.
- He challenges us to consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God *in Christ*.
- He challenges us to not present ourselves to sin for unrighteousness, but rather to God for righteousness.

Digging Deeper

1. Considering the importance of knowing that we are in Christ (crucified with Him, buried with Him, alive in Him), reflect on the significance of our practice of baptizing believers as a symbol of that union with Christ. Think of your own baptism and the significance of that. If you have not been baptized, let this passage speak to you of the importance of taking that step.
2. Here is a passage from the commentary on Romans from the *Preaching The Word* series.
Have you ever taken the time to consider the fact that you participated in the events of the cross, that you died and that you were resurrected with Christ? If not, why not do it right now.
3. The last three verses of our text encourage us to not engage in unrighteousness, but rather to present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness. What tangible things can you do today to follow through with the positive part of that encouragement? As you seek to live in a Godly way, commit to make that tangible practice a part of your daily routine.