

## ***Victory over the Flesh***

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### I. The Position of the Believer Explained – 6:1-10

#### A. Dead to Sin – 6:1-7

##### 1. The False View of Grace – 6:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live in it.*

##### 2. The Correct View of Spirit Baptism – 6:3-4

*<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried together with Him through baptism into unto death, so that just as Christ was raised out from dead people through the glory of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life.*

##### 3. The Logical Results of Spirit Baptism – 6:5-7

*<sup>5</sup> For since we have become united together in the likeness of His death, certainly also we shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified so that the body of sin might be rendered ineffective, so that we should no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For the one who has died has been justified from sin.*

#### B. Alive to God – 6:8-10

*<sup>8</sup> But since we died together with Christ, we believe that we shall also live together with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised out from dead people no longer dies. Death is no longer His lord. <sup>10</sup> For the death which He died, He died to sin once for all time, but the life which He lives, He lives to God.*

### II. The Position of the Believer Applied – 6:11-14

#### A. The Mental Process – 6:11

*<sup>11</sup> In this manner you also consider yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

#### B. The Practical Possibility – 6:12

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so as to obey it in its lusts,*

#### C. The Two-fold Presentation – 6:13

*<sup>13</sup> nor present your members as war implements of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being living out from dead people, and your members as war implements of righteousness to God.*

#### D. The Program Change – 6:14

*<sup>14</sup> For sin shall not be your lord, for you are under law, rather than under grace.*

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### **Romans 6:1-14 – Interpretive Paraphrase**

- 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in the sin principle for the purpose of causing grace to increase?
- 2 Certainly not! We who positionally died to the sin principle, how can we possibly live in its sphere of authority any longer?
- 3 Or do you not understand that as many of us as were baptized by the Spirit so as to be identified with Christ were baptized so as to be identified with His death?
- 4 The above truth implies that we were positionally buried with Him through the intermediate means of Spirit baptism as a result of the previously mentioned positional death, with the result that in a similar way that Christ was literally raised from the dead through the glorious power of God the Father, we also should order our life-walk in the sphere of a new resurrection kind of daily life.
- 5, 6 By implication, since we have been united together with Christ by association with the likeness of His literal death, it is certain that we shall in the future be associated with the likeness of His literal resurrection,<sup>6</sup> having come to understand this thing, that our old ineffective person was positionally crucified for the purpose that the physical body that contains the principle of sin might be rendered ineffective, with the result that we ought not serve as a slave the sin principle.
- 7 Consequently, the one who positionally died has been viewed as righteous with reference to the sin principle.
- 8, 9 Now, since we died positionally together with Christ, we have faith that we shall also literally live in the future with Him, <sup>9</sup> having the settled knowledge that Christ, having been literally raised in the past out from among dead people is no longer capable of dying physically; physical death is no longer ruling over His physical body as lord.
- 10 Consequently, the physical death which He died, He died once for all time with reference to the sin principle.
- 11 So also you yourselves consider it to be true that you certainly are positionally dead and therefore separated from the sin principle, but on the other hand living and therefore connected to God the Father in the sphere of Christ Jesus, our Lord.
- 12, 13 Consequently, do not let the sin principle continually reign as a king in your body which is capable of dying, with the result that you obey it in the sphere of its lustful desires, <sup>13</sup> nor give over the physical members of your body as war implements characteristic of unrighteousness to the sin principle, but give over yourselves to God the Father as being alive out from among dead people, and the physical members of your body characteristic of righteousness to God the Father.
- 14 By way of explanation, the quality of sin about which we've been speaking will not in the future rule over you as lord, because you are not under any quality of law, but are under a quality of grace.