

Δικαίω- + -σιν

Dikaiō- + -sin

Righteous + activity

1 Timothy 5:6

*She who lives in pleasure
is dead while she lives.*

Characteristics of “Life”

Safety

Confidence

Stability

Protection

Understanding

Humility

Honor

Satisfaction

Paul's Indicatives

- 5:19, "will be made"
- 5:20, "grace abounded"
- 6:2, "we died"
- 6:3, "were baptized" (2x)
- 6:4, "we were buried"
- 6:5a, "we have been united"
- 6:5b "we shall be"
- 6:6, "was crucified"
- 6:7, "has been freed"
- 6:8a, "we died"
- 6:8b "we shall live"

Summary of 5 Implications

- (1) **Do not continue in sin, period.**
- (2) **We are a “dead-to-sin-kind-of-people” making continuance in sin absurd.**
- (3) **By a work of God, we have been liberated from the tyranny of sin.**

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Summary of 5 Implications

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- [4] Not only have we been identified with Christ's death, but also with His resurrection life so that we may "live with Him," participating now in "newness of life."
- [5] Because God destroyed the reign of sin and offers newness of life, each Christian is (a) to consider himself dead to the reign of sin and alive to God, and (b) to put himself at the Lord's disposal not yielding to temptation, but to righteous living.

Conclusion #1

- The doctrinal underpinning of experiential sanctification begins here: *know* (6:3), *knowing* (6:6), *knowing* (6:9), *know* (6:16), and *form of doctrine* (6:17).

Apart from revelation in one's soul of the great work God has done to enable experiential sanctification—crucified the old man and raised believers to newness of life—there will be little, if any, experiential sanctification.

Conclusion #2

- What we learn in Romans 6 requires each Christian's personal application, which we can summarize in three words:
 - * Reckoning,
 - * Refusing,
 - * Presenting.

Conclusion #3

- Walking in newness of life is not a given for those born again. God has provided enablement to walk in newness of life, but honors the volition He created in each person, who may or may not obey “from the heart that form of doctrine to which [he was] delivered” (Romans 6:17).

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Potentiality, Not Inevitability

- Subjunctives at 5:21 (“*might* reign”); 6:4 (“*should* walk”); 6:6 (“*might* be rendered inoperative”); cf. 7:4 (“*should* bear fruit to God”).
- Imperatives at 6:11 (“consider”); 6:12 (“not let reign”); 6:13 (“present,” 2x); 6:19 (“present”).
- Infinitives at 6:6 (“*should* no longer be slaves”); 6:12 (“*should* obey”); cf. 7:6 (“*should* serve”).

Conclusion #4

- The content of chapter 6, though foundational, is incomplete, leaving a believer frustrated: *O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death* (Romans 7:24)?
- This in no way minimizes the importance, even absolute necessity, of knowing and reckoning what God has done to enable us to advance in experiential sanctification. But chapter 6 is not stand-alone doctrine; we must wed it to chapters 7 and especially 8.

Conclusion #5

- Chapters 6 & 7 prepare for Paul's "clincher" in chp 8 the matter of sanctification, which is the on-going work of the Spirit in each believer's life. There he builds on knowing God's enablement (chp 6), the inadequacy of energy of the flesh (chp 7), then shows that by walking by means of the Spirit experiential sanctification will happen.

The result?--the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit (Romans 8:4).