

“Baptized into Christ Jesus”

Romans 6:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-16; Galatians 2:20

- “*Are we to continue to sin that grace may abound? By no means!*”: There are two incorrect thoughts to consider about God’s righteousness and God’s grace....
 - *The Libertine* (Romans 3:8; Romans 6:1; Galatians 5:13): Holiness and righteousness are irrelevant in the Christian life. We are free in Christ to do as we please, free from the moral law, free from the weightiness of holiness, free from submission.
 - *The Legalist* (Acts 15:5; Galatians 2:14-16): You must keep the rules, the law, if you are going to be saved. You are made right with God by rule keeping, not by His grace.
 - *The Great Balance*: We do not abandon God’s grace and we do not abandon God’s righteousness. If we have experienced God’s grace we will strive to live righteous lives (Romans 8:12-14). Justification and Sanctification cannot be separated from one another (1 John 3:7-10).
- “*How can we who have died to sin still live in it?*”: Committing sin can never please God. In Christ, we have been made new (Hebrews 13:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17). I no longer live for me, I now live for Christ (Galatians 2:20). My purpose is now found in living for God’s will and glory (1 Peter 4:1-2) no longer living as a slave to sin (Romans 6:17).
- “*We have been baptized into Christ....*”(Romans 6:3-10)
 - We are now identified by Christ or we have been immersed into Christ (1 Corinthians 6:11 & 19-20). This reality is what the act of baptism is symbolizing (Galatians 3:27-28). This reality is why we no longer live for ourselves/sin but instead live for Christ in increasing measure (1 Thessalonians 4:1-7).
 - We have been given true life through Christ, for Christ, and get to eternally enjoy Christ (Romans 11:36). Christ died to make us holy, and we strive by the Holy Spirit to live holy (2 Corinthians 7:1). In Christ we live a new life, a supreme life, an abundant life (John 10:10-11).
 - Death and sin have been defeated (1 Corinthians 15:55-58; Colossians 2:13-15 ;Hebrews 2:14-15).
 - We are victorious through the work of Christ. Obedience to God is never in vain, it has eternal reward.
 - Our sins are forgiven, giving us freedom from condemnation and giving us the freedom to walk in true life/holiness.
 - We are not slaves to our sin, sin has no dominion over us or power over us.
 - What helps fuel this great work from faith to faith (Romans 1:16-17)?
 - The gathering of the saints/corporate worship.
 - Daily time with God/prayer and Bible reading.
 - Encouraging one another.
 - Serving one another.
 - Getting over yourself; we are victors never victims.

Worship: How Great Thou Art (Various Artists)
In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Various Artists)
Closing Song: Tis So Sweet (Various Artists)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

***PRAYER** on Thursdays at 6:20pm and Sundays at 4:30pm before the services!

***Church Members Meeting:** Sunday, October 4th, immediately following the service. This meeting will last approximately 45 minutes. If you are currently a church member, please plan on joining us for this.

***After Church Fellowship:** *SUNDAYS ONLY!* OUTDOOR lawn chair fellowship, after the Sunday services, at the Scarberry residence! Please bring a lawn chair with you, if you have one!

***Legacy Community Church Volunteer Day:** Sunday, September 27th, from 10am-12:30pm at Together We Grow Gardens. Plan on meeting at 10am at 165 South 6th Street. Bring your gloves (these can be provided if you don't have any) and your boots (no sandals please) and be ready to work! See the flyer on your seat for more information! Please sign-up to volunteer with Vanessa Cross ASAP (740)334-8845!