

BILL BLAKEY ~ AUGUST 7 & 8, 2021

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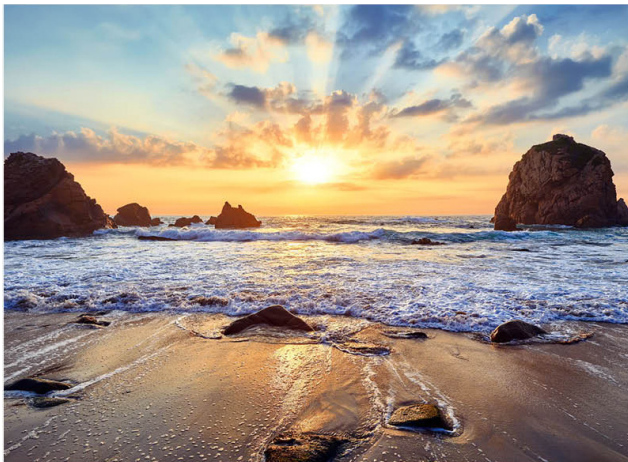
- 1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
- 2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?
- 3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- 4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- 5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- 6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
- 7** For one who has died has been set free from sin.
- 8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
- 9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- 10** For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.
- 11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- 12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
- 13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
- 14** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

## **Application Questions:**

Take some time this week to re-read this passage and use the following questions to help you really think through this Scripture and your response to it!

1. What are some ways people today are saying it is ok to continue in sin?
2. What are some of the sins that people might think it is ok to still live in?
3. Were you ever confused about baptism in the past? What gives you confidence that you have been placed “in Christ” now?
4. What are some sins you might have been tempted to think “were just the way you were” or that you couldn’t be set free from in the past?
5. If you are in Christ, how would you rate your level of excitement that your body of sin has been brought to nothing? Are you considering yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus?
6. Are there any ways you have presented your members to unrighteousness that God wants you to change?
7. What specific ways will you present yourself to God and your members as instruments of righteousness this week?

## ***READ THE PSALMS WITH US!***



**Monday** ~ Psalm 81-82

**Tuesday** ~ Psalm 83-84

**Wednesday** ~ Psalm 85-86

**Thursday** ~ Psalm 87-88

**Friday** ~ Psalm 89