

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How are we buried with Christ?
2. How shall we be in the likeness of His resurrection?
3. What happens to the old man and the body of sin?
4. What does it mean to walk in newness of life?
5. What place does the law have in the life of a believer?

SUMMARY:

Becoming dead to sin, we are able to be baptized into the death of Jesus Christ. We are buried with Him by baptism into death where the old man is crucified with Him and the body of sin is destroyed. That as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, we also should walk in newness of life, dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Christ Jesus our Lord, not under the law, but under grace, in obedience unto righteousness.

NOTES:

[SoF:9] We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #7

August 17, 2014

Third Quarter

UNION AND COMMUNION^[SoF:9]

LESSON TEXT: *Romans 6:1-23; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

LESSON SETTING: Letter to the Romans written by Paul from Corinth.

TIME: The first century.

- I. BURIED WITH CHRIST.** Romans 6:1-10
 - A. Dead to Sin (vs. 2) Galatians 5:24; Colossians 3:3; 1 Peter 2:24
 - B. Dying with Christ (vs. 5) 2 Corinthians 4:11; Galatians 2:20; 2 Timothy 2:11
 - C. Baptism (vs. 4) 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:2
 - D. Regeneration (vs. 5) John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Titus 3:5
- II. ALIVE WITH CHRIST.** Romans 6:11-23
 - A. Mortify the Flesh (vs. 13) Romans 13:14; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 2:11; 4:2
 - B. Sin Forbidden (vs. 15) John 5:14; Romans 6:12; 1 Corinthians 15:34
 - C. Spiritual Liberty (vs. 22) John 8:32; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16
- III. COMMUNION WITH CHRIST.** 1 Corinthians 11:23-39
 - A. Bread of Life. (vs. 23, 24) John 6:32-35, 48-51, 58
 - B. Blood of Christ (vs. 25) Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9
 - C. New Covenant (vs. 25-26) Hebrews 8:10

GOLDEN TEXT: *RECKON YE ALSO YOURSELVES TO BE DEAD INDEED UNTO SIN, BUT ALIVE UNTO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.*
Romans 6:11

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 16:7-15; Galatians 5:16-23

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: John 14:16-26; 15:26-27

QUARTERLY THEME: The Bible and The Christian Life

TOPIC: THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR HELPER

INTRODUCTION:

When Jesus was on earth we read that He healed the sick people and forgave their sins, bidding them to sin no more. He told His disciples that greater works than these shall be done, signifying that the Holy Spirit being omnipresent could do all this in all places at all times. His presence is in the heart of every believer the world over.

Christ spoke of the Holy Spirit, when He told His disciples that the Comforter would come when He went to His Father. After Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit entered the hearts of believers and thus it has been ever since. He is our constant source of help, strength, comfort, wisdom, understanding, in fact, our very life. He is Christ in person, living within our hearts. Our very flesh, with its sinful desires, must be put to death daily. Christians are known by the fruit of the Spirit we bear. All is His work, none is ours.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The Holy Spirit is a Living Reality who comes to help and guide us.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH.* John 16:13

God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were all one and present at the creation of the world. (Genesis 1:2; John 1:3) As Jehovah, the Creator, He was manifested to his people in the Law. Because of His holiness, men could not look upon Him because of their sin. He longed to be able to forgive man's sin, but it was impossible without an atonement.

After Jesus became this atonement on the cross, the Apostle could write to the Hebrews (1:1-3) *"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High; . . ."*

The third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, could come into men's hearts, when cleansed of sin by the atonement of Christ's blood. The Holy Spirit will *"guide us into all truth."* *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."* (Galatians 5:22-23)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 18 - 24

M. The Author of Spiritual Life. John 3:1-9

T. The Comforter. John 14:8-17

W. *The Holy Spirit, Our Helper. John 16:7-15; Galatians 5:16-23

T. Power for Service. Acts 1:1-9

F. Helping our Infirmities. Romans 8:18-27

S. The Teacher. 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

S. The Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:6-26