# The Book of Romans

- I. Paul's Introduction to his Letter (1:1-17)
- II. Paul *Declares* Man's <u>Need</u> for God's <u>Salvation</u> and <u>Righteousness</u> (1:18-3:20)
- III. Paul Delivers his Gospel Message of <u>Righteousness</u> by <u>Faith</u> in Messiah (3:21-5:21)

#### IV. Paul Describes, and gives Instructions concerning the <u>Life</u> and <u>Walk</u> of Believers in Messiah (6:1-8:39)

- A. He *Instructs* them to <u>live</u> as those who have both <u>died</u> and been <u>raised</u> in <u>Messiah</u> (6:1-14).
  - 1. *Exhorting* them to no longer continue to <u>live in sin</u> (6:1-2)

6 What shall we say then? Are we to **continue in** *sin* so that *grace* may increase? <sup>2</sup> May it **never be**! How shall we who <u>died to sin</u> still *live* in it?

*Explaining* to them how that they have "<u>died</u>," and been "raised to <u>life</u>" in Messiah (6:3-11)

> <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that **all of us** who have been **baptized** *into* **Messiah Jesus** have been **baptized** *into* <u>His death</u>?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if **we** have become <u>united</u> with *Him* in the likeness of <u>His death</u>, certainly **we** shall also be *in the likeness* of <u>His resurrection</u>,

<sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our <u>old self</u> was <u>crucified</u> with *Him*, in order that **our** <u>body</u> of sin might be *done away with*, so that **we** would **no longer** be *slaves* to sin; <sup>7</sup> for **he** who has <u>died</u> is *freed* from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we have <u>died</u> with Messiah, we believe that we shall also <u>live</u> with Him,

<sup>9</sup> knowing that Messiah, having been <u>raised</u> from the *dead*, is *never* to die again; death *no longer* is *master* over Him.

<sup>10</sup> For the **death** that **He died**, **He <u>died</u> to <u>sin once</u> for all; but the <b>life** that **He lives**, **He <u>lives</u> to God**.

3. *Entreating* them to be "<u>dead</u> to sin," and <u>live</u> *righteously* **before God** (6:11-14)

<sup>11</sup> Even so *consider* yourselves to be <u>dead to sin</u>, but <u>alive to God</u> in Messiah Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do <u>not</u> let sin <u>reign</u> in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, <sup>13</sup> and do not go on presenting the members of your body to <u>sin</u> as *instruments* of <u>unrighteousness</u>;

but **present yourselves** to **God** as those <u>alive</u> from the dead, and your **members** as *instruments* of <u>righteousness</u> to God.

> <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not be <u>master</u> over you, for you are not under <u>law</u> but under <u>grace</u>.

## Personal Application

### Reflecting on what it means to be "Dead to Sin,"

A We are "dead to sin" *Positionally*, having been **Baptized** into **Messiah's** <u>Death</u>.

How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Or do you not know that **all of us** who have been **baptized** *into* **Messiah Jesus** have been **baptized** *into* <u>His death</u>?

... knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him,...

Now if **we** have <u>died</u> with Messiah, we believe that we shall also <u>live</u> with Him, (Romans 6:2b, 3, 8)

For you have <u>died</u> and your life is *hidden* with Messiah *in God* (Colossians 3:3).

# B. We are *becoming* "dead to sin" *Presently*, through a process of personal <u>Sanctification</u>→ *becoming* freed from sin, to a <u>life</u> of purity and righteousness

<u>Definition</u>→ "Having "died to sin" refers also to the experience of having ceased to live under the <u>power</u> of sin." (Peter Ensor – Sage Journals)

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...knowing this, that our **old self** was *crucified* with *Him*, in order that our **body of sin** <u>might</u> be **done away with**,... (6:6)

> So then, brethren, we are under **obligation**, <u>not</u> to the **flesh**, to <u>live</u> according to the **flesh**—

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for if you are **living** according to the *flesh*, you **must** <u>die</u>; but if by **the** *Spirit* you are **putting to** <u>death</u> the *deeds* of the **body**, you will **live**. (Romans 8:3-11)

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Therefore *consider* the **members** of your **earthly body** as <u>dead</u> to *immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,* and *greed*, which amounts to *idolatry...* 

Do not *lie* to one another, since you <u>laid aside</u> the **old self** with its *evil* practices,

and have <u>put on</u> the **new self** who is being *renewed* to a **true knowledge** according to the **image** of the **One** who **created him**— (Colossians 3:5, 9-10)

Now those who belong to **Messiah Jesus** have **crucified the flesh** with its **passions** and **desires**. (Galatians 5:24)

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;..and **He Himself (Messiah) bore** our **sins** <u>in</u> **His body** on the **cross**, so that **we** might <u>die</u> to sin and <u>live</u> to righteousness; for by *His wounds* you were *healed*. ( Peter 2:24)

C. We are to *consider* ourselves <u>dead</u> to sin, but "<u>alive</u> to God," for we have been "raised" to walk in "newness of <u>life</u>." (6:11, 4b)

> Now if **we** have <u>died</u> with Messiah, we believe that we shall also <u>live</u> with Him, (6:8)

I have been <u>crucified</u> with Messiah; and it is *no longer* I who live, but Messiah <u>lives</u> in me;

and the *life* which I now <u>live</u> in the flesh I <u>live</u> by *faith* in the Son of God,

who **loved me** and **gave Himself up** for me. (Galatians 2:20)

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It is a **trustworthy** statement: For if **we** <u>died</u> with Him, we will also <u>live</u> with Him; (II Timothy 2:110

But I say, <u>walk</u> by the <u>Spirit</u>, and you will <u>not</u> carry out the *desire* of the *flesh*...

Now the **deeds** of the <u>flesh</u> are evident, which are: *immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,..* 

But the **fruit** of the <u>Spirit</u> is *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.* (Galatians 5:16, 19-20, 22-23)

#### **Closing Comments**