

# The Christian life is...

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say? Shall we continue in sin so that grace may increase?

<sup>2</sup>Certainly not! How can we who died to sin live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or aren't you aware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We therefore were buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup>For anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Romans 6:1-7

## 1. The Christian life is...

**a choice** . . . . . **sin.** 6:1-2

Galatians 5:17, opposed to each other

I am . . . . . by God's grace. 1

Ephesians 2:8, It is by grace you have been...

Romans 3:24, justified by His grace

I am . . . . . by God's grace. 2

2 Timothy 2:1, strengthened by grace

Titus 2:11-12, grace of God has appeared

## 2. The Christian life is

**a choice** . . . . . **Christ.** 6:3-4

Baptism displays my . . . . . in Christ. 3-4

1 Peter 2:24, He... so that we...

Baptism displays my . . . . . in Christ. 4

1 Peter 2:24, live to righteousness

## 3. The Christian life is

**a choice** . . . . . **Christ.** 6:5-7

Christ guarantees . . . . . benefits. 5

1 Cor. 15:20, 23, Christ the first-fruits

1 Peter 1:3-5, through... and into...

Christ gives me . . . . . benefits. 6-7

Galatians 2:20, I have been...

Colossians 3:3, "your life is now..."

## My prayer priorities for this week

S 31 Moses & Sharon, Elizabeth, Ruth, Joseph

M 1 The future of our church. **Hour of Power 7pm**

T 2 Stuart & Kaye

W 3 Clarence & Irene. **Home Group, 7:30pm**

T 4 Lerida C

F 5 Robert & Dianne

S 6 Bunnings contacts / Martin & Lisa

S 7 Lurline & Terry. **Communion**

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. What do you think is the logic, and the fallacy, in verse 1?
2. Explain the logic of verse 2.
3. Does v3-4 suggest baptism is only a symbol, or something more?
4. Two purposes are given, 4b. Identify them, and then explain them.
5. The words "united with Him" occur twice in verse 5. What does it mean to be united with Christ; and in what ways are these two unions similar and different?
6. What events occurred in 6-7, and how did they happen?

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