

"IN NEWNESS OF LIFE"

INTRODUCTION

The subject of today's lesson is, "IN NEWNESS OF LIFE." These words come from a passage in Romans 6, which reads, "*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk **in newness of life.***" (Rom. 6:4). The context is that of showing what is involved in life after having died to sin, and being baptized into Christ. It begins with the word "Therefore;," which introduces a conclusion, which involves a **new life**, after burying the old man of sin.

Let's see what is involved in the new life. Some five (5) chapters in the New Testament dwell on the subject of the new life. Let's examine each of them.

I. 1st, the NEW LIFE IN ROMANS CHAPTER SIX.

Rom. 6:1,2. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

A. We learn that we are **no longer** to live the old life because we are dead to sin.

1. The old man of sin has died and been buried in the grave of baptism with the sins of the past.

a. Those sins have been washed away from the soul, just as filth is washed away from the body. Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21

b. We have crucified the old man, just as Christ was crucified on the cross. Rom. 6:6a

2. This means the body of sin is "destroyed." v. 6b

B. Being dead to sin, we are not to "serve" it any longer. v. 6c

1. We are now freed from the bondage of sin, and are **no longer** to be its servants. Rom. 6:1

2. We are now to serve "righteousness." Rom. 6:18

C., We serve righteousness because there is no fruit or profit in sin. Rom. 6:21A

1. The **end** of sinful living is **death**. Rom. 6:21B, 23; Prov. 14:12; Gal. 6:7-8

2. Being free, we prefer holy living, which leads to eternal life. vv. 22, 23

II. 2nd, THE NEW LIFE IN 1st CORINTHIANS SIX.

A. The new life involves a proper use of our physical bodies. 1 Cor. 6:15-16

B. The body and spirit of a Christian belong to the Lord. vv. 19-20

III. 3Rd, THE NEW LIFE IN EPHESIANS 4.

A. It involves having "put off" the old man, to be renewed in the mind for holiness. v. 22-24

B. It involves "putting away" certain evils.

1. 1st, it involves the proper use of the tongue. v. 25
2. 2nd, it involves the mind and the heart. vv. 26-27
3. 3rd, it involves the matter of stealing. v. 28
4. 4th, it involves the matter of corrupt speech. v. 29
5. 5th, it involves the matter of kindness. vv. 31-32

IV. 4th, THE NEW LIFE IN COLOSSIANS THREE.

- A. We are to “put **away**” evil practices once lived in. vv. 5-8
- B. We are to “put **off**” other things. vv. 8-9
- C. We are to “put **on**” the new man. v. 10

V. 5th, THE NEW LIFE IN 1st PETER FOUR.

- A. We are now to have the mind of Christ. v. 1
- B. We are no longer to do things to satisfy fleshly desires. v. 2
- C. The “time past” of the old life is **enough** and more. v. 3
- D. We are not to fret if the world speaks evil of our good conduct. vv. 4-5,16

CONCLUSION

- I. The new life is indeed worth living.
 - A. 1st, it keeps the soul right with God.
 - B. 2nd, it gives glory to God.
 - C. 3rd, it prepares the soul to enjoy heaven, where no evil will be present.
- II. If you are not yet living the new life, we invite you to confess your faith in Jesus as the Son of God, repent of all past sins and be baptized to put an end to the old life.