

## Becoming who you are

### Key Scriptures

**Romans 6:3-14** <sup>NET 3</sup> Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united in the likeness of his resurrection.

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old man was crucified with him so that the body of sin would no longer dominate us, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> (For someone who has died has been freed from sin.)

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he is never going to die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you too consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its desires, <sup>13</sup> and do not present your members to sin as instruments to be used for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead and your members to God as instruments to be used for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no mastery over you, because you are not under law but under grace.

**Key Point:** Sanctification works through knowing, considering, & presenting.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- If you could convince God to create a “formula” for spiritual growth, what would you want it to be?

**Start thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- This passage teaches two truths: 1. God is the one who changes us— Sanctification is by His grace; yet 2. In the process we are commanded to do or not do certain things. How do you reconcile these facts?
- How many times is death and resurrection mentioned in this passage? What is Paul trying to say?
- A few times in the message, Kyle mentioned that this passage is about becoming who you are. How would you explain it in your own words?
- Which verse is the most difficult to understand? What about it is difficult?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- In the three-part process of sanctification described in the passage, (Know, Consider, and Present), where do you sense the greatest struggle? Is it understanding God’s truths, really being convinced by them, or choosing to live them out?
- What verse or statement in this passage means the most to you at this point in your life? Why?

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Do you give yourself excuses for why you sin? How can you apply this passage to your excuses, and temptations?

**Prayer Requests.** It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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