

Sermon Notes for September 28th 2025

Series: **“Understanding the Sacraments”**

Message: **“Believe AND Be Baptized”**

Sermon Text: **Romans 6:1-14**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 63:7-9**; Gospel Text: **John 1:31-34**.

Read **Romans 6:1-14 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Romans 6:1-14: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

1. Read **Romans 5:20-6:1 (p. 1199)**. How might someone who misunderstood **Romans 5:20**, believe there might be a blessing attached to sinning more?

2. Read **Romans 6:2**. Where did we *die to sin*?

3. Read **Romans 6:3**. We normally think that we are baptized into water, but what did Paul say *we were baptized into*?

4. And what did that also lead us *to be baptized into*?

5. Read **Romans 6:4**. In this verse, we are told that *just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life*. Why did Paul use the word *might* instead of the word *will*?

6. Read **Romans 6:5**. When you read this verse, how does it make you feel?

7. Read **Romans 6:6**. In this verse, we see another instance in which Paul used the word *might* instead of the word *will*. What is Paul telling us in this verse?
8. Read **Romans 6:7**. Is it possible for a dead person to sin?
What is Paul trying to impress upon us with that news?
9. Read **Romans 6:8**. When you read this verse, do you think it is pointing to the present, the future, or both? Please explain your answer.
10. Read **Romans 6:9-11**. How does it make you feel to know that *Christ will never die again*?
11. In v. 10, what does it mean to you when it says, “*For the death he died he died to sin, once for all?*”
12. What do you think might happen to us if we really took **Romans 6:11** seriously?
13. Read **Romans 6:12-14**. Explain **in your own words** what this passage mean to you?
14. Describe the difference between *living under the law* and *living under grace*.
15. What will you remember most from this message?