



Lesson 18
“Buried to Rise Again”
Romans 6:1-11
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Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What is our state when we are still in sin?

What course are we following? Whose domain is that?

Before we were reconciled to Christ, what did we live for?

What was our very nature?

What did God do for us *while we were still dead* in our sin?

Where shall we be seated?

(Notice, Paul talks of this like he talks of our hope in Christ; it is such a sure thing that he speaks of it as if it had already come to pass.)

In saving us, what is God showing?

Is *any* of this of our own abilities? Why or why not?

For what purpose were we created?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8. What is God’s will, for our sanctification? (There’s a list here of 3 things spread out over the next several verses.)

How are we to control our bodies?

What is the contrast that Paul gives here?

Who is the avenger?

What has God called us to?

If we disregard this command, who or what are we really disregarding?

What does that tell you about how your life in Christ should be?

Read Galatians 2:19-21. Why must we die to the law? (That is, why must we not use the law as a means to gain the approval of God?)

Read verse 20 a couple of times. Let that sink in. You are not your own. Who lives in you?

Who is your life lived for?

How is your life lived?

What did the Son of God do for you?

Knowing all we've talked about regarding the law, what does Paul mean when he says that if righteousness came through the law, then Christ died for no purpose?

As you spend time with God today, consider whether you have really given Him control of your life, to put to death your sin, being crucified with Christ. Is there something you are holding onto, refusing to let Him shine His light on?

Why are you remaining a slave to that sin?

Confess that sin and give it to Him; if you have a trusted friend in the Lord that you can share that with, do it. Don't let that sin remain in the dark where it can continue to hold on to you. Confess and repent, knowing that you are not your own and your life is for Him and for His use. Ask God to help you to desire His glory above your own in all things; even if it means the shame of admitting a sin that you've held onto. Give it to Him and be freed from that bond today.