

CrossWalk NOTES

Life Out of the Box Released from the Box of Memories

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1 What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3Or don't you that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order than, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—7because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (Romans 6:1-10, NIV)

We died to sin...

- a) thanks to Christ's _____.
- b) through the burial waters of _____.

¹³But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

1. Believers can truly put their past _____ them.

...and are no longer slaves to sin...

(vs. 6-7)

⁵Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires... ⁸Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. ⁹You, however are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. (Romans 8:5,8-9,NIV)

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. (Romans 6:17-18, NIV)

2. Believers aren't _____ by their past.

...but are resurrected to live a new life with Christ!

¹³But rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. (Romans 6:13-14, NIV)

²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:22-23, NIV)

3. Believers aren't _____ by their past but by their Savior and their future.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Give past hurtful memories and mistakes to Christ since you are no longer a slave to them.
- Search out one specific thing you think God equipped you to do as a slave to righteousness and then do it.
- Meditate on and memorize Romans 6:13-14.