

Text: Romans 6

Subject: Reckoning ourselves as Dead to Sin

INTRODUCTION

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

*⁶ **knowing** this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

*⁹ **knowing** that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.*

¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

*¹¹ Likewise you also, **reckon** yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:5-11

SOUND PRACTICAL ADVICE

1. Doctrines

- a) They are important
- b) They are foundational
- c) They form the fabric of our Faith in God

2. Sound Advice

- a) This is needed too
- b) Many understand and appreciate Doctrine
- c) But there is still a lot of struggle when we seek to practise faith in real life

DEALING WITH SIN EFFECTIVELY

1. Faith recalled

- a) We have died with the Lord Jesus
- b) We have been raised with Him too
- c) This must be deeply implanted in us

2. Remembering the Knowledge about “The Old Man”

- a) This is a reference to our Old Self
- b) The Old Self was crucified with the Lord Jesus
- c) The Old Self is here called “the body of sin”
 - i) It is done away with
 - ii) We are no longer slaves of Sin
 - iii) We have been freed from Sin

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Apply Knowledge of Faith consciously

- a) We live in the Lord
- b) Our life is bound to the Lord Jesus

2. Recall how the Lord Jesus lived to God

- a) He knew His calling
- b) He was close to God
- c) He obeyed the Father
- d) He did everything that was well-pleasing to God

3. Practising the principle of “Reckoning”

- a) The word “Reckon”
 - i) To consider
 - ii) To logically apply what is understood

b) Practise Reckoning:

i) Reckon Self as dead to Sin

ii) Reckon Self as Alive to God

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To use our Mind consciously
2. To develop a strong and Mindful approach to the practise of Faith
3. We can live far more meaningfully for the Lord