

INTRODUCTION

- * Man is a sinner, is justly condemned and incapable of freeing Himself. God, in His grace, provided the means for our redemption: the death of Christ.
- * Now, through faith in the work of God - the death, burial & resurrection of Christ - we can be delivered from the eternal consequence of our rebellion
- * Paul states that when we believe, we become "united together in the likeness of His death ... [and] we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection."
- * Beginning in chapter 6, Paul begins discussing this union with Christ and the effects that it should and will have upon our lives.
- * Last week, we considered the first of those effects: The Reckoning ... that we should reckon ourselves as dead to sin - for in Christ we ARE!
- * Yet, as we shall see today from chapter 7, there is a war that is awakened within us when we become alive in Christ ...

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FACT OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST (6: 1-10)

A. The **Conditional**

B. The **Essentials**

1. WE **HAVE BEEN** (*past*) UNITED TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH
2. WE **SHALL BE** (*future*) UNITED TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION

II. THE EFFECTS OF OUR UNION WITH CHRIST (v. 6:11 - 8:15)

A. The **Reckoning** (v. 11-23)

B. The **War** (Romans 7: 1-23)

1. THE BA____GROUND (7:1-12)

a. The Dominion of the Law (7:1-6)

i. **THE D____ATION OF THE LAW'S DOMINION** (v. 1-3)

ii. **THE T____ATION OF THE LAW'S DOMINION** (v. 4-7)

b. The Purpose of the Law (7:7-12)

i. **THE LAW REVEALS OUR S____** (v. 7)

ii. **THE LAW REVEALS GOD'S H_____** (v. 12)

2. THE BA____GROUND (7:13-23)

a. The P_____ (v. 13)

b. The P_____ (v. 14-17)

c. The P_____ (v. 18-23)

i. **THE S_____** (v. 18-20)

ii. **THE S_____** (v. 21-23; *Galatians 5:16-18; James 1:12-15*)

* **Law #1: The Law of My M_____** (v. 21-22)

* **Law #2: The Law of My M_____** (v. 23)

NEXT WEEK ...

C. The **Deliverance** (Romans 7:24 - 8:15)

1. THE SOURCE OF DELIVERANCE
2. THE SPIRIT OF DELIVERANCE

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU RECEIVED GOD'S FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD?
- * HOW DO YOU VIEW THE REVEALING OF SIN IN YOU? IS IT A BLESSING OR A CURSE?
- * WHICH SIDE OF THE STRUGGLE ARE YOU ON? ARE YOU LIVING IN THE FLESH OR IN THE SPIRIT?
- * SPIRITUAL WAR REQUIRES SPIRITUAL PREPARATION ... ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT TO SPENDING 15-30 MINUTES EVERY MORNING IN PRAYER AND THE CONSUMPTION OF GOD'S WORD?