"Baptism: Dying And rising With Jesus" (Romans 6:1-14) February 7, 2016

"Seeing Salvation": kiss the Son, feast, baptism

1. The Unending Increase Of Grace: The Basic Message Of The Christian Faith (5:20)

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more..." (Romans 5:20)

There are 2 basic realities in the Bible and the world: our sin and God's grace

2. A Possible Response To God's Grace (Romans 6:1) "Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?" (Romans 6:1)

What the passage does not say...

3. The Basic Response: You Are Baptized! (vv 2-14) You shouldn't / won't / can't respond like that because you were baptized!

The Repetitions

- i. "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life (4)
- ii. "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (v 5).

- iii. "...that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin" (verse 6-7).
- iv. "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus" (11).
- v. "For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace" (14).

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Digging Deeper (For Further Study)

- 1. When were you baptized?
- 2. What does baptism mean to you?
- 3. Read Romans 6:1-14 again. What are your lingering questions and /or observations about this passage?
- 4. What was helpful about this morning's message?
- 5. What was not helpful or confusing about the message?
- 6. How do the following passages highlight the pattern of "dying and rising" in the Christian life?:

Colossians 3:1-11 Ephesians 4:17-32

2 Peter 2:1-3

7. Where do you see evidence of the "baptized life" in your life?

Resources

New City Catechism: https://vimeo.com/47049910

NT Wright: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xjPI9KVPYM

One Minute Apologist:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75UDydZly6k