

A monarch butterfly with vibrant orange wings and black markings is perched on a cluster of pink flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pink and green. The text "The Salvation Series" is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

The Salvation Series

Part 7 – New Life

Recap...

- As we are about to begin a new vein of thought in Paul's letter to the Romans, It is important to refresh ourselves on the previous chapters.
- Chapters 1-3 opened us to the universal problem of Sin as a spiritual cancer across the whole of mankind.
- Chapter one focused on the Gentile world and their sinful practices leaving them condemned.
- Chapter two put the magnifying glass of Truth on the Jews who were no different in their sinful state and God's righteous judgement.



Recap...

- Chapter three revealed God's wrath from Heaven. A Holy Righteous response to sin irrespective of who was committing it.
- Chapters 3-5 granted us understanding of Salvation and Justification which is purely by FAITH alone not any human effort.
- Through the sacrifice of Jesus and faith in Him, we are declared Righteous just like Abraham was when he believed in God's Promise to him.
- This belief and subsequent Justification brings Peace with God and establishes Believers into a new relationship with God defined by Grace rather than works



Introduction...

- This brief reflection sets us up very nicely for what we are about to encounter from chapter six.
- If the previous chapters were all about how we ENTER the Kingdom of God, chapter six shows us how we now LIVE in that new realm.
- This chapter through to chapter 8 are amongst the deepest understandings of who we are IN CHRIST.
- We are therefore going to take our time in traveling through these verses.
- They cannot be rushed!
- The format will therefore be slightly different from other presentations.



Shall We Continue...?

- *What shall we say [to all this]? Should we continue in sin and practice sin as a habit so that [God's gift of] grace may increase and overflow? ² Certainly not! How can we, the very ones who died to sin, continue to live in it any longer? Rom 6:1,2*
- Paul asks the key question of what our response is to God's free gift of Salvation and Grace
- This is a 'trick question' in that its not really an ask but a revelation. We HAVE been delivered from sin so we can't continue in it any longer! It's rhetorical.
- Those who are truly Born Again will answer differently from imposters!
- There are teachings by imposters these days around GRACE.
- They answer Paul's question in the wrong way.
- Teaching that since you are forever saved, you cannot lose your salvation no matter what you do!
- Those who are truly saved will not use their new liberty as a licence to transgress wilfully

Certainly Not!

- *² Certainly not! How can we, the very ones who died to sin, continue to live in it any longer? Rom 6:1,2*
- *Once you understand that when you got BORN AGAIN, you are now in a different country.*
- *You cannot wear a T-Shirt in the Swiss Alps! And you cannot wear a Winter jacket in Dubai!*
- *When you change locations, your behaviour changes.*

- Paul will go on to use the visual of Baptism to describe TRANSLOCATION!
- *¹³ For He has rescued us and has drawn us to Himself from the dominion of darkness, and has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption [because of His sacrifice, resulting in] the forgiveness of our sins [and the cancellation of sins' penalty]. Colossians 1:13-14*

Relocated...

- The word 'died' means relocation.
- Death is not destruction but transition.
- When someone dies, they have just moved from one place to another place.
- Paul is helping us to go deeper into the truth of our Salvation and redemption.
- Let us now continue the study...



FREE!!

- *³ Or are you ignorant of the fact that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might walk habitually in newness of life [abandoning our old ways] Romans 6:3-4*
- So just to be clear, Baptism is NOT part of your Salvation. We learnt that it is by faith alone and nothing of works.
- Paul is using the metaphor of Baptism to illustrate what happened when we truly believed in Jesus
- When you believe IN Christ, spiritually you TRANSITIONED with Him.
- If you became a Believer and follower of Jesus Christ in 2025, then your faith connects you with the Death, Burial and Resurrection of our Lord over 2000 years ago!!
- This IDENTIFICATION with Christ is like getting into HIS airplane where He pilots you into His Kingdom.
- This also SEPARATES you from Sin and its **hold** on your Soul and Body.
- You are now FREE!!
- *So if the Son sets you free, you will be really free. John 8:36*

Habitually...

- *we too might walk habitually in newness of life [abandoning our old ways] Romans 6:4*
- There are many teachings in the Church that make you believe your experience more than the WORD.
- Jesus comes into our lives to help transition from old habits into new ones.
- Once we truly believe and reckon ourselves dead to sin, it loses its grip and vice on your soul, and you are free to go!



One With...

- *⁵ For if we have become one with Him [permanently united] in the likeness of His death, we will also certainly be [one with Him and share fully] in the likeness of His resurrection.*
Romans 6:5
- This verse is illustrating our IDENTIFICATION with Christ.
- You have become ONE with Christ when you believed in Him.
- This is NOT a mental thing. This is a spiritual reality.
- So, His victory over death, is your victory over sin.
- His resurrection is also your new life!!



One With...

- We are united with Him in burial and death.
- We are united with Him in His lowering and humility
- We are united with Him in His awakening and resurrection
- We are united with Him in the Holy Spirit that raises from the dead
- We are united with Him in His ascension to the highest place.
- We are united with Him in Eternal Life.



The Old has Gone!

- *⁶ We know that our old self [our human nature without the Holy Spirit] was nailed to the cross with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin. ⁷ For the person who has died [with Christ] has been freed from [the power of] sin. Romans 6:6-7*
- Please meditate on this deeply and allow its revelation to seep into your Soul and Mind and emotions
- Allow the WORD to transform your inner state of mind and belief.
- All those suffering from addiction and bondage need to mediate these verses for many days.
- Soulish and fleshy sins can make us believe that we cannot walk in freedom.
- You have to know that first, it was your spirit man that was saved and transformed.
- Your soul is saved but needs to undergo renewal and transformation.
- You are now FREE!
- That is your starting point and thermostat setting for everything else in your mind, soul and body to conform to.

Alive to GOD!!

- *⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live [together] with Him,*
- *⁹ because we know [the self-evident truth] that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him.*
- *¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin [ending its power and paying the sinner's debt] once and for all; and the life that He lives, He lives to [glorify] God [in unbroken fellowship with Him].*
- *¹¹ Even so, consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 6:8-11



New Life...

- *¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts and passions.*
- *¹³ Do not go on offering members of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness. But offer yourselves to God [in a decisive act] as those alive [raised] from the dead [to a new life],*
- *and your members [all of your abilities—sanctified, set apart] as instruments of righteousness [yielded] to God.*
- *¹⁴ For sin will no longer be a master over you, since you are not under Law [as slaves], but under [unmerited] grace [as recipients of God's favor and mercy].*

Romans 6:12-14



Family Time

- Explain to children how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.
- As a metaphor about how a person is transformed by believing in the Cross,
- How a Butterfly can no longer live like a caterpillar – a totally new life



Family Time

- Read Romans 6 together as a family if you have older children.
- Reflect with an easy-to-read version and challenge each other with questions
- Allow the text itself to speak.
- How can we overcome the cancer of sin?

