

“Dead to Sin, Alive to God”

Romans 6:1-11, Pt. 2

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I. Introduction – The Biblical picture of a person’s makeup:

A. Humans consist of both an “inner man” and “outer man”.

B. The Inner Man -

Ephesians 3:16 - ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

1. The inner man is the non-physical component of a person.
2. The spiritual state of the inner man before conversion is being dead in sin.
3. The spiritual state of the inner man after conversion is new life.

Ephesians 2:4-5 - But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ.

4. Paul refers to the dead-in-sin inner man as the “old self” and the raised-to-life inner man as the “new self”.

Colossians 3:9-10 - Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

C. The Outer Man

2 Corinthians 4:16 - Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

1. The outer man is the physical component of a person (body/flesh).
2. The outer man is dead in sin, even after conversion:

Romans 8:10 - If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

3. The outer man’s influence also involves our emotional life.

Romans 7:18a - For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

II. Christians are Dead to Sin in the Inner Man

A. Our “old self” (the dead-in-sin inner man) died with Christ (Rom. 6:6).

B. Christ died to sin; we died to sin (Rom. 6:10).

1. Christ's death to sin released Him from sin's consequences (borne for us).
2. Our death to sin, in Him, released our inner man from sin's consequences *and* tyranny.

III. Christians are Alive to God in the Inner Man

- A. Our inner man didn't just die to sin; it was raised to new life.
- B. Our inner man was raised so that we might do battle with the remaining sin in our outer man (Rom. 6:4, 6).

IV. Paul's Summary Conclusion – Rom. 6:11

- A. Consider (reckon, count, believe) yourselves to be dead to sin and alive to God.
- B. Due to the remaining corruption of our outer man, *counting* ourselves dead to sin can be a challenge:
 1. We don't often feel dead to sin.
 2. We don't often act dead to sin.
- C. But the real "us", the part of us that will win out in the end, *is* truly dead to sin and alive to God.
- D. All growth in grace begins by having our faith and hope centered on that fact.