

# Romans 6:3-4

## ~ Baptized Into Christ

### Review

- A. Vs. 1-2 addressing “*shall we continue in sin*”. NO exclaims Paul
- B. He says we are dead to sin – what does that mean? Vs 3-11 explain this!

### 1. 6:3-4

- a. “*know ye not*” Unfortunately this basic understanding not grasped then or now **1 Cor 3:1-2**
  - i. Our 1<sup>st</sup> lesson to grasp needs to be our identification (after salvation of course)
  - ii. We who are “**IN CHRIST**” are dead (vs. 8) that Christ may live in us **Gal 2:20**
  - iii. If “we” be dead, then that life is dead. Yet we are alive - we are to walk in that new life (vs. 4)
- b. “so many of us” – because it is not all of us, but those who believe the gospel.
- c. “*were baptized*” adding water to this is wrong & dangerous. Makes water necessary for salvation b/c need to be identified. **AND** a major reason why so few understand (*know ye not*) – Woe!
  - i. Happens by faith & not water. **Gal 3:27** then (26), **1 Cor 12:13**. Upon belief **Eph 1:13-14**
  - ii. That is new & different. **Cf. Acts 8:5, 12-18, 10:44-48** – from water w/o H.S to H.S w/o water
  - iii. What happened between Acts 8 & Acts 10 should be examined, not explained away **1 Tim 1:16**
- d. Jesus was baptized twice! Water = **Lk 3:21-22** & Death = **Lk 12:50** – us into His death by faith
  - i. Jesus had to be baptized (identified) with death b/c death had no claim on Him
    - Death already has dominion on man, but not on Christ. He had to be baptized unto it
  - ii. He died our death. He was baptized into our death by grace & us unto His death by faith
  - iii. This is why resurrection essential to salvation belief. If He died & lived no more – we would not have the new life – **Rom 4:25**