

- A. Step One in sanctification is recognizing and acting upon our new relationship to innate sin: that of death.

This new relationship may be seen to be expressed in three phases or stages, and the first of these is that:

1. We are completely dead to the mastery of innate sin.

Let us note Paul's teaching on this point in the following verses:

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

Rom 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Rom 6:9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

Rom 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Rom 6:22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.