ALIVE TO GOD

Romans 6:1-14 // March 31, 2024 AM

I. You are alive to God in the resurrected Christ (vv. 3-11).

- A. That new life is pictured in your baptism (vv. 3-5).
- B. That new life is purchased in Christ's baptism (vv. 6-10).

II. So live to God in the resurrected Christ (vv. 12-14).

- A. That new lifestyle battles against sin's rule (vv. 12-13a).
- B. That new lifestyle bows under God's rule (v. 13b).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

- 1. What is antinomianism, and what does it have to do with Easter?
- 2. How does our identity drive morality?
- 3. Why would Paul point us back to our baptism in helping us to grasp our identity as Christians? What do the waters of baptism tell Christians about who they are?
- 4. How does the death and resurrection of Christ free us, not only from sin's penalty (in justification), but also sin's power (in sanctification)?
- 5. If we are dead to sin, why does Paul command us to not let it reign in our bodies?
- 6. Can you explain the difference between definitive sanctification and progressive sanctification? How are both taught in our text?
- 7. Pastor Nick said, "Easter truth changes everything for the Christian." Do you think that was an exaggeration? Why, or why not?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

- 1. How often do I think upon my baptism? Does my lifestyle correlate with or contradict the spiritual realities pictured in my baptism?
- 2. Am I enjoying newness of life in Christ or letting sin have mastery over me? Are there areas in my life I need to repent of in light of today's sermon?
- 3. How would I answer an unbelieving neighbor who asks, "Why does the resurrection matter?"?