

I. A Question Regarding the Christian's Relationship to Sin (6:1)

"Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?" (see Rom. 5:20)

II. The Response to the Question (6:2)

The Immediate Reaction: "May it never be!!!!!!!!!"

A Rhetorical Question: "How shall we who died to sin still live in it?"

The Obvious Answer to the Rhetorical Question: "It is unthinkable to mix our new identity in Christ with a lifestyle of sin that reflects our old identity of being under the mastery of sin"

III. The Explanation for How Our New Identity in Christ Came About (6:3-10)

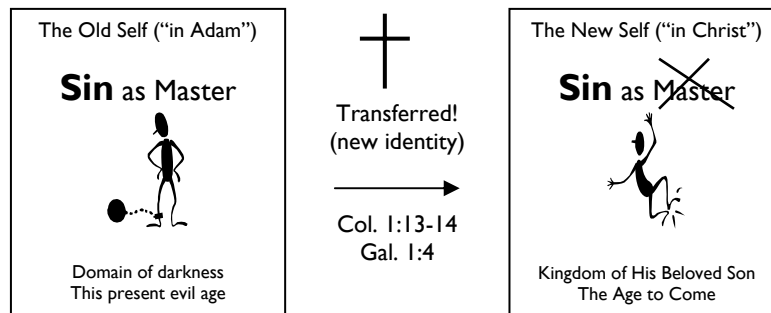
The believer's conversion experience is paralleled with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

The first parallel:

Death was master over Jesus' body / Sin was master over our bodies

The second parallel:

Death's mastery was broken by His resurrection / Sin's mastery was broken by our resurrection



IV. A Concluding Command That Will Help Us in the Battle Against Sin (6:11)

"Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus"

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