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Romans 6:1-6

Problem: Man eternally over-working his imagination.
Example: V. 1. Man’s sin calls for God’s grace! More sin, more grace. Greater God is. One catch!
Repudi the of everything God and Heaven stands for!
REAL PROBLEM: Some Christians ACT in life as if they didn’t have to be different after conversion.

I. HOW SHALL WE THAT ARE DEAD TO SIN LIVE ANY LONGER THERE?
B. Too many trying to live in church and not in church at the same time. John 17:15-17.

II. DEATH TO SIN, SYMBOLIZED IN OUR BAPTISM. V. 3.

III. BURIAL SHOWS OUR DEATH TO SIN. Vs. 4.
B. Descend an old life. Ascend a new life. II Cor. 5:17.
C. Power that raised JESUS raises us ALIVE too!

IV. A PLANTING PROVES OUR SEPARATION FROM SIN. V. 5.

V. CONVERSION CALLED A CRUCIFIXION: not painless either.
A. Body that loves sin, destroyed by it. I Cor. 3:16-17.
B. Mind that choses sin, destroyed by it. Rom. 6:16.
C. Soul that dies to sin comes alive to righteousness. Rom. 12:1-2.

WORLD not much better than EXAMPLES it sees in the CHURCH around it.

QUESTION: HOW CAN I LEAD MY HUSBAND-WIFE TO CHRIST?
Mate: Attend services reg.? NO! NOR I.
Mate: Work in church? NO! NOR I.
Mate: Drink a little? YES! ME TOO!
Mate: Dance a little? YES! ME TOO!
Mate: Gamble a bit? YES! ME TOO!

PROPOSITION: "If you CAN show me ANY difference between the CHRISTIAN and the NON-CHRISTIAN, I would gladly become a Christian. But I don’t want to be a Christian LIKE YOU ARE'