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**Rom. 6:11**

Faith in God’s Facts

**INTRO**

 In Romans 6 Paul is teaching that the gospel of Christ does not lead to any concept of antinomianism in which God’s grace allows us to live lawless lives. There is a vital connection between justification and sanctification that cannot be separated.

 Three principles of sanctification: knowledge (1-10), faith (11), presentation (12-14).

**I. PRINCIPLE OF KNOWLEDGE: OUR UNION WITH CHRIST (6:1-10).**

 We have been UNITED WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM. We have died to sin because we have been baptized in to the **death, burial, and resurrection** of Christ. The work He did on the cross was for us as our Covenant Head and Representative.

 Fact #1 - Both the guilt and power of our sin has been broken by Christ’s death on the cross in our place. We cannot be slaves of sin any longer (6:6).

 Fact #2 – We have been raised with Christ in baptism too. Christ’s resurrection life now lives in us so that we walk in newness of life (6:4).

**II. PRINCIPLE OF “CONSIDER” (6:11).**

 *A. The basis of “consider.”* “Even so” - that is, as Christ died to sin and lives to God, so in the same way consider yourselves.

 1) Christ died and rose from the dead for us (6:9-10).

 2) We died and were raised up with Him (6:3-8).

 *B. The meaning of “consider.”* “consider,” “reckon,” “count” -

 1) A courtroom word (Rom. 4).

 2) A book-keeping word–(1 Cor. 13:5; 2 Cor. 5:19).

 \*\*3) A contemplative word (Rom. 2:15; 14:14) – to think, reason, ponder; to form an opinion of something that you believe to be true. This is the meaning in Rom. 6:11.

 This “considering” is in the imperative mood, making it a command.

 *C. The content of “consider.”*

 God through Paul is commanding every believer to believe these facts about themselves in Christ – you are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” -

 1) Stop

 2) Start

 *D. The means of “consider” is faith.* Believe the facts about our union with Christ.

 1) Faith is the God-ordained means of applying God’s truth (Heb. 11:6).

 2) Faith is contrary to sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

 3) Faith believes God’s facts.

 *E. The perseverance of “consider.”* This “considering” is to be on-going since it is in the **present** tense in contrast with the **aorist** tenses in Rom. 6:2-10 which indicate past completed events.

 *F. The conquest of “consider.”*

 Temptation arises.

 Truth considered by faith. *“I am dead to sin but alive to God.”*

 Triumph follows. *The power of God’s Word is released in your life.*

 Cf. Joseph, Moses, Peter.

**CONCLUSION**