

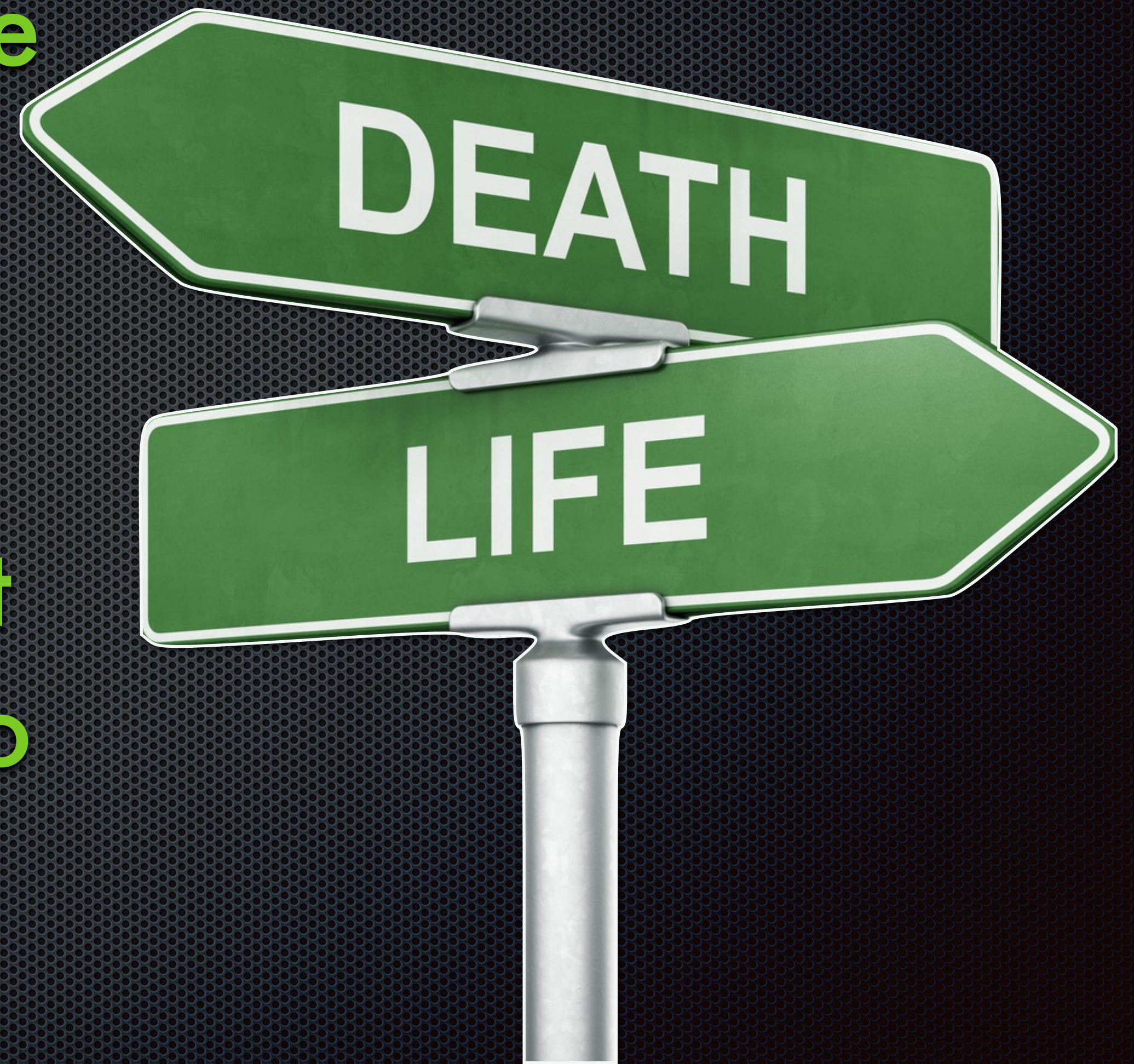
# Dead or Alive

Romans 6:1-11



"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

— *John 5:24 NAS95*





## *Romans 6:1–6 (NASB95)*

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

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

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

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

6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;



## *Romans 6:7–11 (NASB95)*

7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

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

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

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

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

FOR THE WAGES  
OF SIN IS DEATH,  
BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS  
*eternal life*  
IN CHRIST JESUS  
OUR LORD.



# Romans 6:1-3

## Questions

1. What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?  
**May it never be!**
2. How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
3. Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?





## QUESTION 2

“How shall we who died to sin  
still live in it?”

*–Romans 6:2b*



# What does it mean to DIE to SIN?

- ✦ “How shall we who died to sin still live in it?” — *Romans 6:2b*

- ✦ Here is the answer:

“For if [*since*] we have become united [*lit. implanted, grafted together*] with [*Jesus*] in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,” — *Romans 6:5*

“knowing this [*this is something that God wants us to know; applied knowledge of this will help us live victoriously*], that our old self was crucified with Him [*Christ*], in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin...” — *Romans 6:6*



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“What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, “THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;”

— Romans 3:9–10 NAS95

– John A. Witmer, *Romans, The Bible Knowledge Commentary*



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“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” — *Romans 5:6*

“a sinner (5:8),

“But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” — *Romans 5:8*

“and an enemy of God (5:10).”

“For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, since we have been reconciled, will we be saved by his life? — *Romans 5:10*

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# What is the OLD SELF?



→ What it is NOT:

- The **OLD SELF** is not the sin nature, the flesh!
- The **FLESH** is still alive and not well in all of us!

→ So what is it?



The OLD SELF is our IDENTITY\*  
before we trusted Christ - who we  
were!

It is literally the "paleo" man!

*\*IDENTITY is who we are. "The OLD SELF is WHO I  
WAS before I trusted Jesus Christ as Savior."*



## THE OLD SELF — Our IDENTITY before we BELIEVED

- ➔ Eph. 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- ➔ Eph. 2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- ➔ Eph. 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

## THE NEW SELF — Our IDENTITY as BELIEVERS in CHRIST

- ➔ Eph. 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- ➔ Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



Your identity is not what you DO;  
your identity is in Jesus Christ as you have trusted  
His finished work.

“Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.” — *Romans 6:5–6*





## Question 2:

“How shall we who died to sin still live in it?”

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a person who has died is freed from sin.”

— *Romans 6:6–7 CSB17*



# What does this all mean?

- \* There are two ways to deal with the body of sin:
  - ➔ **BY LAW:** This is making rules, laws and regulations to keep yourself from sinning.
  - ➔ Trying to use LAW to stop or reduce sinning does not work.
  - ➔ It is attempting to change the outcome, but not address the cause. *DOES THIS EVER WORK?*



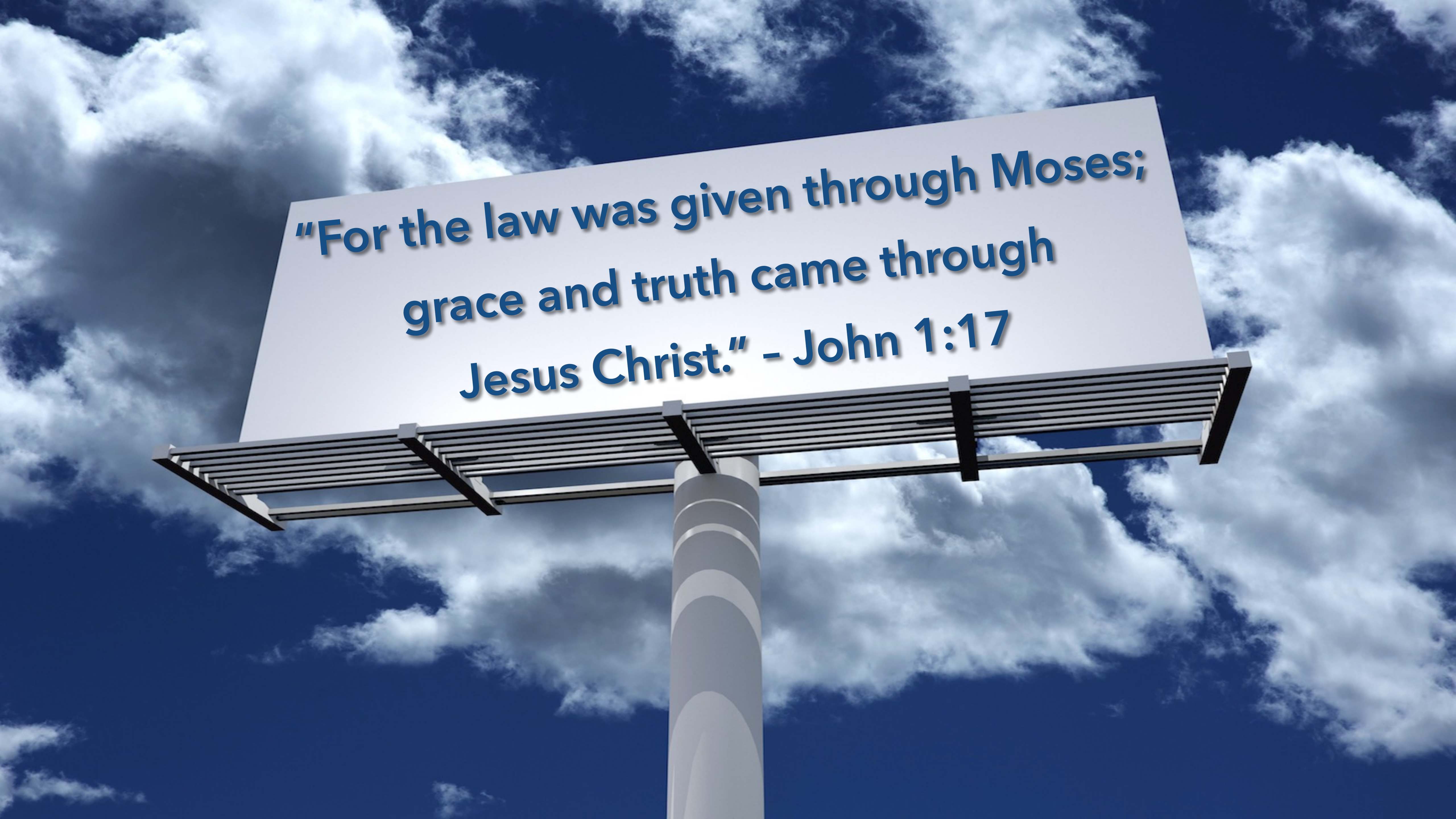


# What does this all mean?

- \* There are two ways to deal with the body of sin:
  - ➔ **BY LAW:** This is making rules, laws and regulations to keep yourself from sinning.
  - ➔ **BY GRACE:** Understand that sin's power, its authority, in your life is no longer your master!

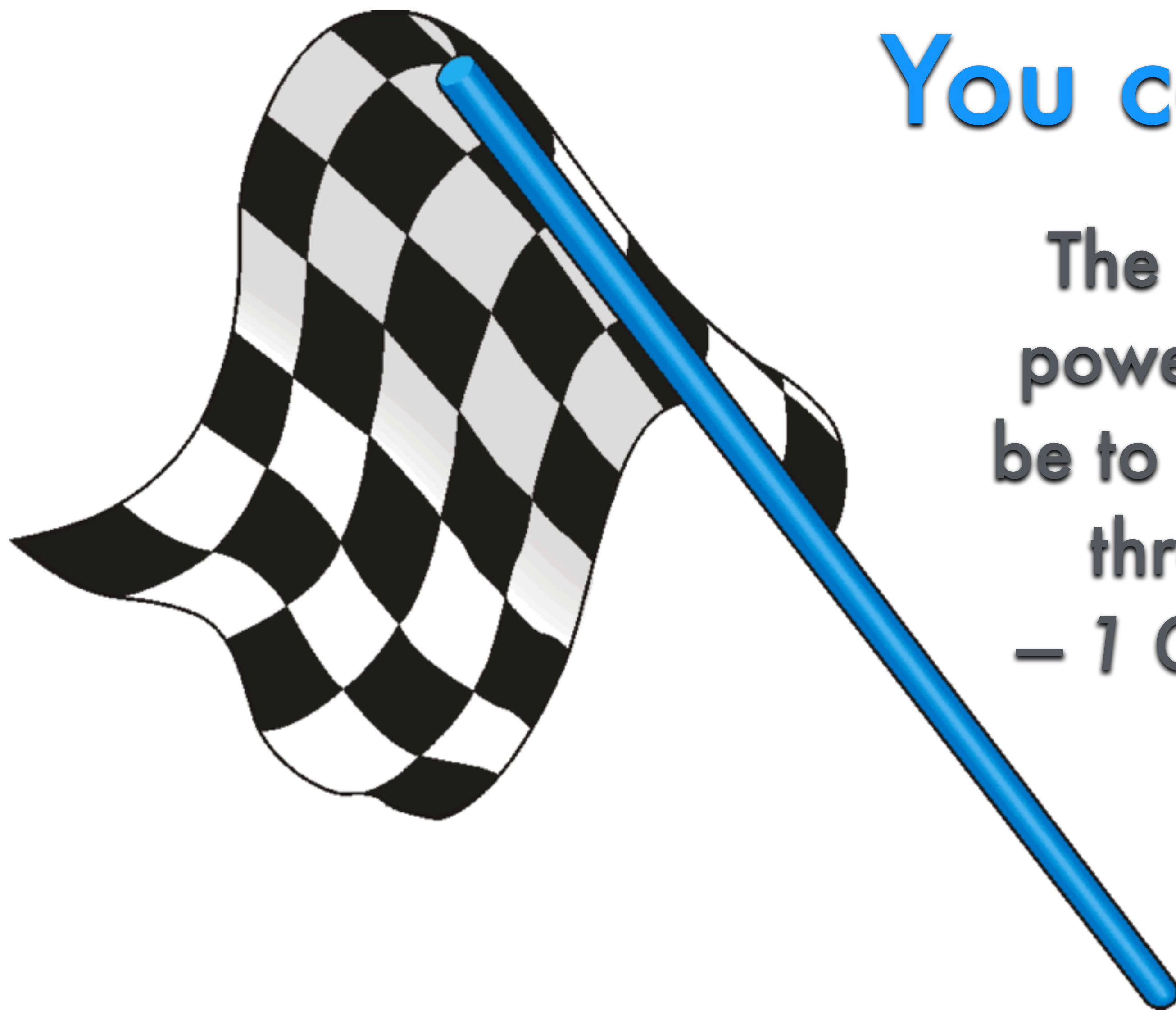






**"For the law was given through Moses;  
grace and truth came through  
Jesus Christ." - John 1:17**





# You can live in victory!

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**– 1 Corinthians 15:56–57 NAS95**



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

- ✦ In Romans 6:3-4, “baptism” does not refer to water baptism.
- ✦ The Greek word “*baptizo*” can mean the following: “to immerse, to dip, to identify with.”
- ✦ Verse 5 tells us which definition is appropriate:
- ✦ For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, (Romans 6:5 NAS95)

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.  
(Romans 6:3-4 NAS95)



When we are born again (receive Christ as Savior) we are completely and totally IDENTIFIED (Baptized) with His death on the cross...

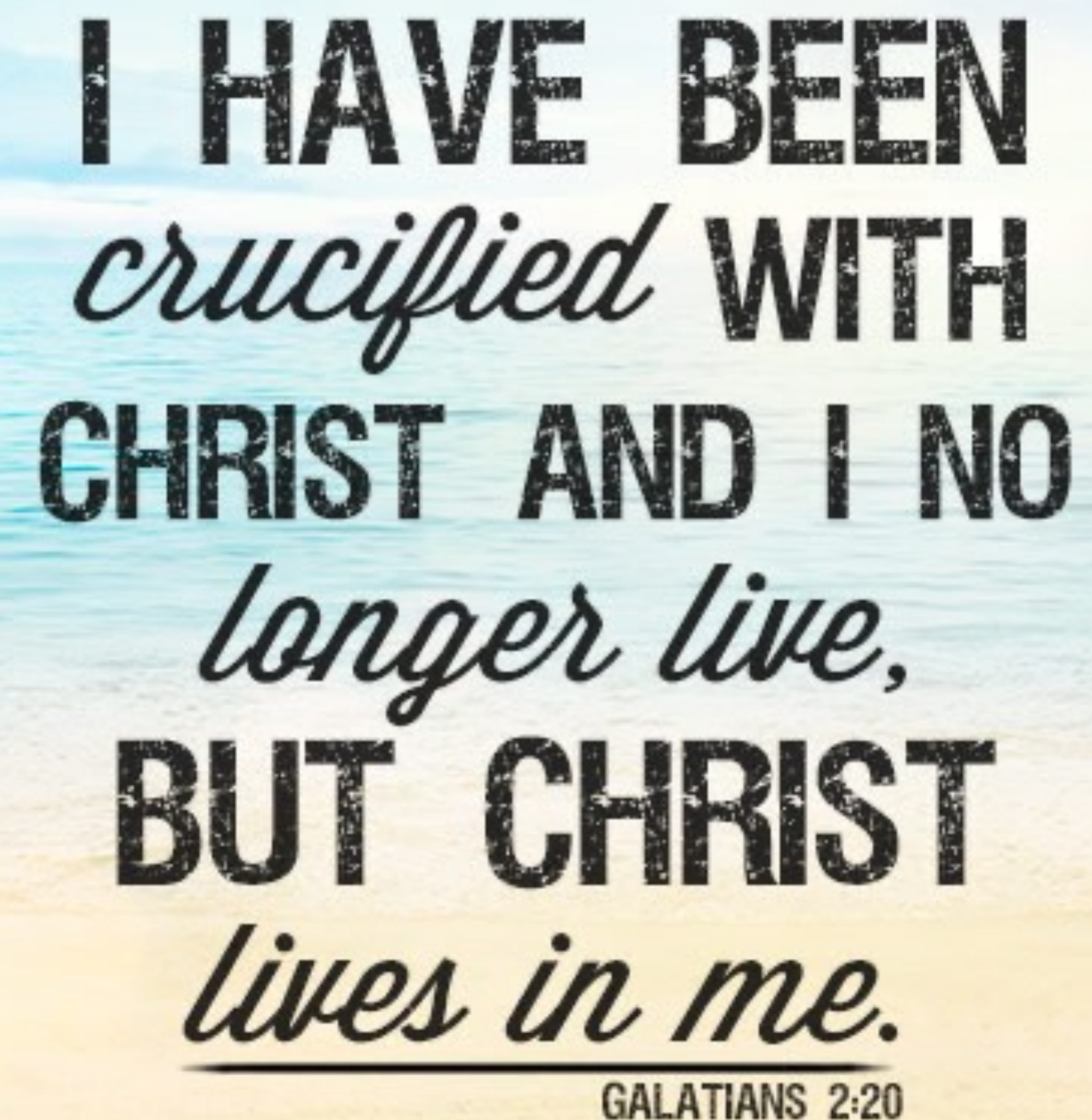
...and His glorious resurrection unto life! We are raised WITH HIM!

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

- ✦ This question from verse 3 was answered in verses 4 and 5 but revisited here.
- ✦ “Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.” — *Romans 6:8–9 ESV*



**I HAVE BEEN**  
*crucified* **WITH**  
**CHRIST AND I NO**  
*longer live,*  
**BUT CHRIST**  
*lives in me.*

GALATIANS 2:20



# The Three Questions from Romans 6:1-3

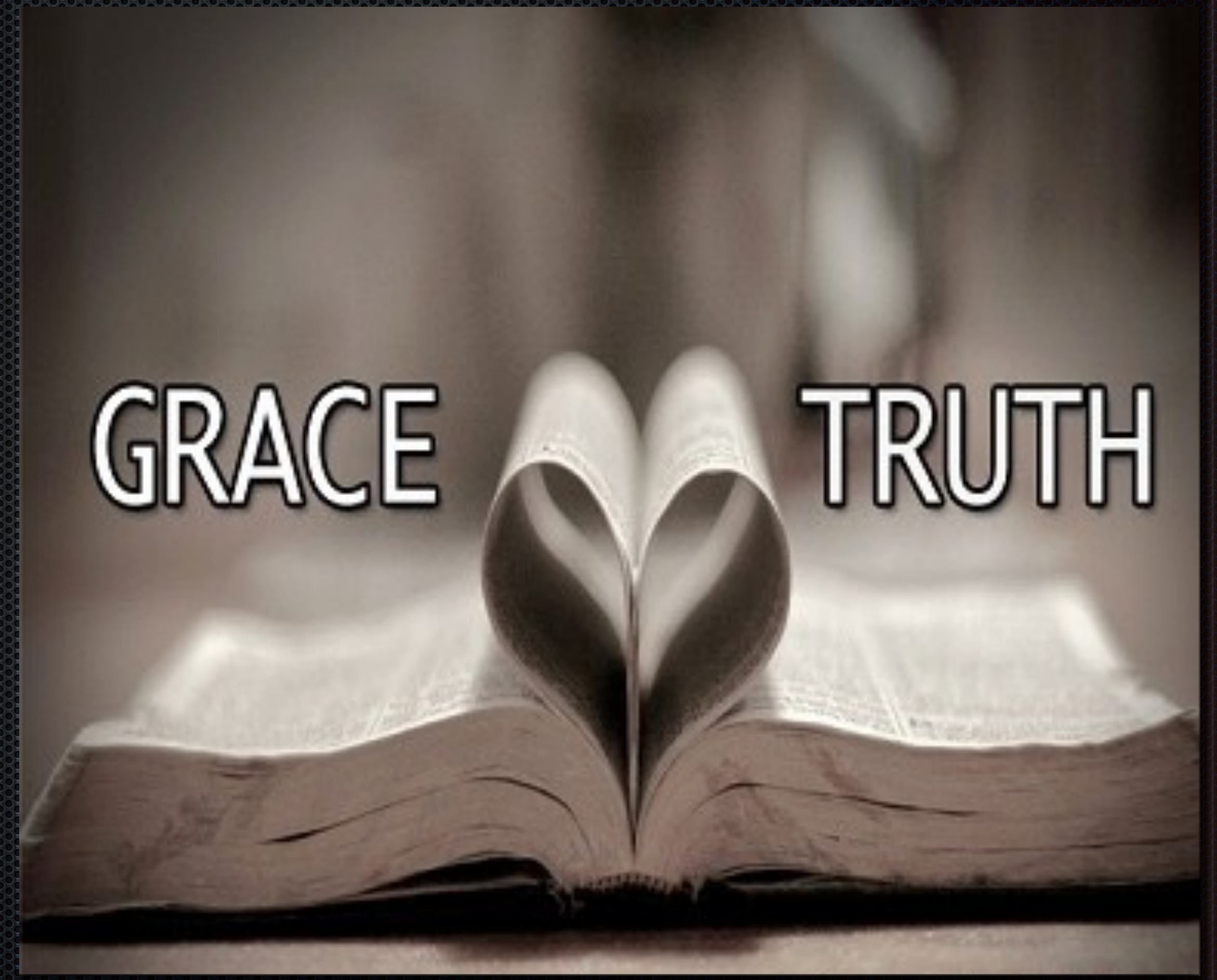


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# TRUTH FOR TODAY

1. The believer in Christ is a new creation.
2. The “old self” died with Christ on the cross! Sin is no longer our master.
3. We still have this body that has fleshly, unspiritual desires.
4. Living your life in the grace and truth of God, not by law, is the only way to live victoriously for God.







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For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

— *Romans 6:10–11 NAS95*



# Have you died with Christ?



**Spiritually Dead**  
Ephesians 2:1, 5

**Sanctified (Romans 6:22)**



**New Life, Born Again**  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
John 3:5

**Buried With  
Jesus**

*Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12*



**Raised into New  
Life**

*By our faith (Col 2:12)*



**United with Jesus  
in His Death**

*Romans 6:5*