

Baptism Journey



setting your watch...



the old time zone:

Romans 6:1-2 NIV

*What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning
so that grace may increase?*

*By no means! We are those who have died to sin;
how can we live in it any longer?*

the old time zone...

Romans 12:2 The Message

I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there?

the new time zone...

Romans 6:3-5 The Message

Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace – a new life in a new land!

the new time zone...

Romans 6:3-5 The Message

That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means.

When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.

The Exodus



Leviathan



from death to life...

Romans 6:3b The Message

When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace – a new life in a new land!

from slavery to freedom...

Romans 6:6-10 The Message

*Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the Cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life – **no longer at sin's every beck and call!***

What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection.

from slavery to freedom...

Romans 6:6-10 The Message

*We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. **Never again will death have the last word.** When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us.*

from slavery to freedom...

Romans 6:6 NIV

*For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin --***

Do the math!

Romans 6:11 The Message

From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.