

Romans 6:5

“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death (*participating in Christ’s death and receiving the death sentence upon our old man*), **we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection** (*participating and sharing in the benefits of Christ’s resurrection*).

Romans 6:6

“Knowing this, that our old man (*the inner self of the old unregenerate person we used to be under sin’s power and slavery with all of our old habits and appetites, prior to our union with Christ and when we were still positioned in Adam*) **is crucified** (*has been crucified or put to death*) **with him** (*our union in Christ’s death – Gal. 5:24*), **that the body of sin** (*the enslaving relationship that sin had with the body during our unregenerate state*) **might be destroyed** (*rendered inactive – put out of business – its power is broken over our lives but its presence is not removed*), **that henceforth we should not serve sin”** (*no longer be a slave to sin*).

Romans 6:7-8

“For he that is dead (*a judicial and positional death through co-crucifixion with Christ*) **is freed from sin** (*it’s power and dominance over one’s life*). **Now if we be dead with Christ** (*sharing in the experience of Christ’s death*), **we believe that we shall also live with him”** (*sharing in the experience of Christ’s resurrection and life*).

Romans 6:9-11 goes on to say:

“Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him (*death has lost its authority or dominion over Christ in the sense that He will never die again to its claims, wages, demands, and penalty, since He paid the necessary price of judgment for our sins*). **For in that he died, he died unto sin once** (*with reference to the wage or payment for sin – Heb. 7:27; 9:28; 10:10*): **but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God** (*in His new relationship with the*

*Father as the risen Christ and in a new sphere where sin can never enter). Likewise reckon (in the practical outworking of our union with Christ, we must count this to be true by enacting our faith) **ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin** (because of our union with Christ's death, we have also died with reference to sin's authority and power over our lives, through which the power and principle of sin residing within us was defeated), **but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord**" (because of our union with Christ's resurrection and risen life, we are made spiritually alive, born again, possessing a new life and nature, but also a new relationship with God as our Master to whom we can yield and live free from the power of sin).*