

NEW BIRTH

ROMANS 6:6, 7

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1: 11, 12)

BACKGROUND: When we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior, many supernatural things happen at the same time as our new birth in Christ.

BRINGS DEATH. “Our old man, our old state, as out of Christ and under Adam’s headship, under guilt and in moral bondage, was crucified with Christ.” Bishop Handley Moule, The Epistle to the Romans, p. 164. This is a statement of fact. It is a finished accomplishment. (**Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20-21, fn 2:20, Galatians 6:14, Colossians 3:1-3, John 3:5-7, fn 3:5, 6**) *Why is it vital from God’s perspective that your old self be crucified?*

BRINGS CHALLENGES. Sin’s rule and the body of sin has been rendered inoperative or invalid and made “ineffective by removing its power of control.” John MacArthur, Jr., The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, Romans 1-8, p. 325. Since our bodies and our flesh have not been redeemed yet, our challenge is to avoid caving in to its sinful desires. (**Romans 6:6, fn 6:6, Galatians 5:16, 17, fn 5:17, Romans 12:1,2, fn 12:2, Ephesians 4:20-24, fn 4:22-24, I Corinthians 10:13, fn 10:13, Ephesians 5:18, fn 5:18**) *How could your knowledge of God’s Word and His grace help you meet the challenges of your sinful flesh?*

BRINGS CHANGES. From unbelief to belief, from slaves of sin (unbelievers) to slaves of Christ (believers), we have been set free from sin’s power and have become servants of righteousness. (**Romans 6:7, Romans 6:19-22, fn 6:19-22, I Peter 1:13-25, fn 1:22, Titus 3:3-8, fn 3:3-8**) *Why is it foolish for you to sin?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.