

Planted Together

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I. The Two Halves: Planted and Resurrected (Romans 6:5)

Romans 6:5, *For if we have been united {planted} with him in a death like his {in the likeness}, we shall certainly be {shall be} united with him in a resurrection like his. {likeness of his resurrection}*

A. The First Half

1. Planted – organically united; growing together; being joined into a single living entity; united together.
 - a) As a branch, joined to the vine. **John 15:4–5**, *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*
 - b) This is emphasizing the believer's union with Christ and its intimacy
2. Death like his (In Christ or in Adam)
 - a) Our death and resurrection are not identical to Christ's. He is unique (Son of God) consequently His life and death are unique. We do not literally die and resurrect, but we do, spiritually.
 - b) Without this, we are still "in" (not literally, figuratively in) Adam (**Romans 5:12**, *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned*)

B. The Second Half

1. Shall be.
 - a) This cannot be solely speaking to future events (eschatologically). It includes our future bodily resurrection, but it must also include the reality of our lives now!
 - b) Paul's argument is presently concerned with life, now. (**Romans 6:4**, *. . . just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*)
 - (1) Romans 6:11 confirms that verse 4 is not isolated to some future state, but is for the present time; now! (**Romans 6:11**, *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*)
2. Resurrection (like His and newness of life; new creatures; all things new)
 - a) In this life
 - (1) **Romans 6:10**, *For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.*
 - (2) Because of our Union with Christ. As He lives (unto God) we do also!
 - (3) We die (in Christ's death) to the reign of sin; its reign and its realm (delivered).
 - b) In the life to come
 - (1) **Philippians 3:20–21**, *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*
 - (2) **2 Timothy 2:11–12**, *The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; . . .*
 - (3) **Hebrews 2:8–9**, *Putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. 9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

II. The Likeness of Death (Planting) (Romans 6:6-7)

Romans 6:6–7, We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For one who has died has been set free from sin.

A. We Know

1. This is something we should know; be familiar with; have absolute certainty.
2. It is the knowledge of faith; it is not experimental. It is revealed in Scripture {the only revelation of truth}.
 - a) Do you and I know this?
 - b) Do we live our lives considering this knowledge?
 - c) This is essential, vital knowledge for living the Christian life and having freedom from sin.

B. What is this Old Self?

1. Is it our carnal nature? Is it our propensity towards sin? Our moral being before our new birth? No.
2. In Context of the Passage:
 - a) **Romans 5:12**, *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*
 - b) In context, we should consider that the “old self” is the man I used to be in Adam.
 - (1) I was in Adam. The man that I once was, I am no more! I am a new creature in Christ!
 - (2) I am now in Christ. By that union, I am made new!
 - (a) **Ephesians 4:22–24**, *To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*
 - (i) Be what you are; the new man (In Christ); not the old man (In Adam).
 - (ii) To a grown man, we might say, “Don’t be a baby.” Because he is not. Be what you are.
 - (b) **Colossians 3:9–10**, *Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.*
 - (c) **Galatians 5:24**, *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*
 - (i) We are not told the old man (old self) has to be crucified here. Rather, that we have a part to accomplish, cease to live as if we are still in Adam, under sin.

C. Was Crucified

1. The action is finished; complete;
2. We are not “in process” of crucifixion; we are crucified

D. The example of Abraham Romans 4:16-21

1. **Romans 4:16–17**, *That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.*
2. **Romans 4:18–21**, *In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.*

Romans 6:7, *For one who has died has been set free from sin.*