

# *Dying to Live*

## *In The Grip of Grace - 8*

Through Jesus' death on the cross, God makes forgiveness available. But equally important, God grants us *freedom* from the tyranny of sin. Far from being a mere plunge into water, baptism is the avenue through which God decisively puts an end to our sin-miserable life (also notice Colossians 2:11-12).

Our old life is nailed to the Cross with Christ, and we are raised to a new life--one empowered by God Himself. As a result, we are no longer at the mercy of sin's beck and call. Instead, we are able to experience the real freedom that comes from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God's way of living!

### **LOOKING BACK:**

*What is the most demanding situation you've ever been in?  
How did you handle it at the time? Would you handle  
it any differently today?*

### **LOOKING DEEP:**

Read Romans 6:1-14

1. Most of this passage focuses the great truths surrounding one's baptism into Jesus Christ. *Why would these truths be so important to understand? Specifically, what are the implications of being united in Jesus' death? His resurrection?*
2. *What confidence should this passage give you regarding your struggle against sin?*
3. *What challenge should this passage give you regarding your attitude toward sin?*
4. *In what way could realizing the truths in this passage mean "the end of resignation and the beginning of deeper obedience?"*
5. *What does it mean to be "dead to sin but alive to God?" Share some of the practical ways you've applied these verses (11-14) in your own life.*

*PRAYER REQUESTS  
AND REFLECTIONS*