

Walking in Newness of Life

(Romans 6:3-4)

Introduction:

1. Last week we studied passages that relate to "the suffering of Christ."
 - a. (Matthew 16:21) Jesus foretold His suffering to His disciples.
 - b. (Luke 24:44-46) Jesus showed His disciples that His suffering had been foretold in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms.
 - c. On both occasions Jesus tied in His resurrection with His suffering.
 - d. (Luke 24:47) Jesus showed how His suffering and resurrection were necessary so "*repentance and remission of sins*" could be preached.
2. In Romans 6:3-4 the Bible explains how we experience a likeness of the Lord's suffering and resurrection to be saved from our sins.
3. In our lesson we are concentrating on the point made in vs.4b -- when we are raised from baptism, we are to "*walk in newness of life.*"
4. In Titus 2 we are given some general guidelines and some specific guidelines that will help us to walk this way.

Discussion:

- I. SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES THAT RELATE TO WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE
(Titus 2:11-14)
 - A. To know how to walk in newness of life, we must go to the right source.
 - B. We learn from vs.11-12 that God's grace teaches us how to live.
 1. A misunderstanding about God's grace is cleared up in Romans 6:1-2, 14-15.
 2. God's grace teaches us:
 - a. to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts
 - b. to live soberly, righteously, and godly.
 - C. According to vs.13-14, we are to be looking for the Lord's return.
 1. We are reminded of the Lord's suffering in vs.14a -- He "*gave Himself for us.*"
 2. We are reminded in vs.14b of the blessings that Jesus provides because of His suffering [in other words, we are able to walk in newness of life].
- II. SOME SPECIFIC GUIDELINES THAT RELATE TO WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE
(Titus 2:1-6)
 - A. (vs.2) The aged men are to be:
 1. sober: free from excess
 2. grave: honorable, worthy of respect, dignified
 3. temperate: self-controlled

4. sound (incorrupt) in "faith," "love," and "patience."

B. (vs.3) The aged women are:

1. to be in behavior as becometh holiness: reverent
2. not to be false accusers: slanderers
3. not to be given to much wine: free of addiction
4. to be teachers of good things: teachers of what is right.

C. (vs.4-5) The aged women are to teach the young women:

1. to be sober: self-controlled
2. to love their husbands: to be suitable helpers and companions
3. to love their children: to care for children and be a companion to them
4. to be discreet: temperate, controlling the desires and impulses
5. to be chaste: pure, modest
6. to be keepers at home: taking care of household affairs
7. to be good: upright, virtuous
8. to be obedient to their own husbands: in subjection
9. to follow these guidelines so God's Word will not be blasphemed.

D. (vs.6) Young men are to be sober-minded: having the passions and impulses under control.

Conclusion:

1. Walking in newness of life is a privilege and responsibility for those who have been baptized into the Lord's death and raised with Him.
2. Thankfully, we have these guidelines [and many others] to show us how to walk in newness of life.
3. An appropriate request for us to make is found in Psalm 143:8.