

AMANA TRUST BIBLE STUDIES

Lesson 8: In Christ

Bible reading

Please pray over these verses.

Romans 6:3-5

3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Introduction

Romans 5 presents the fact of the believers' transfer out of Adam and into Christ (see crucial point *In Adam*). In Romans 6 Paul shows us that this is accomplished in our experience by being baptized into Christ Jesus.

Bible study reading

Please prayerfully read through the following portions of ministry related to this lesson.

Since we all were born in Adam, how can we say that we are now in Christ?

Praise the Lord that we have been baptized into Christ! Although we were born in Adam, by baptism we have been identified with Christ in His death and resurrection. Through death and resurrection Christ was transfigured from the flesh into the Spirit. Even Christ Himself needed death and resurrection to transform Him from the flesh to the Spirit. Likewise, through identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, we have been transferred out of Adam and into Christ. When we were baptized into Christ, we were transferred from being a part of Adam into being a part of Christ. Now we are no longer in Adam. We are absolutely in Christ. This is the fact of identification. (*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 11, section 2)

The way we got into Christ was by being baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3). This point must be stressed in the gospel. We must tell others: "Since you have believed, you must be baptized. When we baptize you in the water, we are actually baptizing you into Christ. You were in Adam and now we are transferring you out of Adam into Christ. Since you are in Christ, you are identified with Christ in His death and in His resurrection. In His death you are out of the sinful flesh and out of the power of sin. In His resurrection you are in newness of life, so you can live a life that is out of the flesh and out of sin and in His resurrection life with its newness." (*Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles*, ch. 2, section 3)

Going deeper

Please read or listen to these materials for an in-depth study of this lesson.

Further reading:

[*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 11, section 2](#)

[*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 33, sections 1-2](#)

Radio broadcast link:

Broadcast 12, [*Identification with Christ*](#) (start at the 19:17-minute mark)

Footnotes from Recovery Version of the New Testament:

Romans 6:3, footnotes 1-3

Romans 6:4, footnote 4

Romans 6:5, footnotes 1-3

Questions for personal or corporate study:

References in brackets indicate readings or broadcasts that may be helpful in answering the questions.

- How are we practically transferred out of Adam into Christ? (*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 11, section 2; Broadcast 12)
- Use the footnotes and cross-reference from Romans 6:3 in the Recovery Version to explain what happens when we are baptized.

Works Cited

Lee, Witness. *Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles*. Anaheim: Living Stream Ministry, 1985. www.ministrybooks.org

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