So much of what we experience as joy at Christmas centers on the people we get to be with at Christmas. So also, the joy we experience in God at Christmas is not just what Jesus does *for* his people, it is primarily what Jesus does to be *with* his people.

Joy is NOT a personal experience centered on the \_\_\_\_\_

Joy is a communal experience centered on the

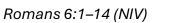
Paul's main point in	Romans 6 is not just
what Jesus is	, but who Jesus is

Greek baptizo = \_\_\_\_\_

Greek I	palaios	anthropo	s "old self	" =	
0.001.1	outuroo	anteniopo	0 010 001		

God in **justification** imputes the righteousness of Christ; in **sanctification** his Spirit infuses grace, and enables to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is *pardoned*; in the other, it is *subdued*. —Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 77

## The Gift of Joy





<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—<sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.



## Student Notes December 15

The Gift of Joy Romans 6:1-14



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

According to today's passage, what are the ways that Christ unites us with himself?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

## Romans 6:1–14

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

•	-				0 0				'			
R	0	F	F	Е	R	R	С	W	L	А	Ν	What shall we say, <b>then</b> ? Shall
D	В	L	С	Z	D	А	L	S	0	0	Т	we go on sinning so that
R	U	А	Т	С	L	0	Ν	G	Ε	R	Н	<b>grace</b> may <b>increase</b> ? By no
G	R	Κ	Ρ	F	н	А	М	R	А	D	Е	means! We are
G	I	н	D	т	Е	R	0	Ρ	U	Е	Ν	those who have died to sin; how
R	Е	Ν	М	М	Ι	F	Ι	L	Ν	R	L	can we <b>live</b> in it any <b>longer</b> ? Or
А	D	Т	С	н	Е	Ζ	J	S	Т	J	Т	don't you <b>know</b>
I	Ν	S	т	R	U	М	Е	Ν	т	к	V	that all of us who were
S	М	А	Е	Y	Е	Ν	S	D	Е	Κ	Е	<b>baptized</b> into <b>Christ Jesus</b>
Е	Е	н	Z	Z	А	Α	U	J	D	Ν	н	were <b>baptized</b> into his <b>death</b> ?
D	Т	В	А	Ρ	Т	Ι	S	М	Е	0	W	We were
R	D	В	Е	С	А	U	S	Е	А	W	Z	<b>therefore</b> <b>buried</b> with him
A	F	S	A	Y	E	М	В	0	D	Y	К	through <b>baptism</b> into <b>death</b> in <b>order</b> that, just

as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we **know** that our old self was crucified with him so that the **body** ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sinbecause anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since **Christ** was **raised** from the **dead**, he cannot die again; **death** no **longer** has mastery over him. The **death** he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an **instrument** of wickedness, but rather **offer** yourselves to God as those who have **been** brought from **death** to **life**; and **offer** every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.