

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 *palaios anthropos* "old self" = _____

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

Romans 6:1–14 (NIV)



¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into his death**? ⁴We 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.

⁵For 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. ⁶For 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—⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

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

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God **in Christ Jesus**. ¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Do 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. ¹⁴For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

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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?)

R O F F E R R C W L A N
 D B L C Z D A L S O O T
 R U A I C L O N G E R H
 G R K P F H A M R A D E
 G I H D T E R O P U E N
 R E N M M I F I L N R L
 A D T C H E Z J S I J I
 I N S T R U M E N T K V
 S M A E Y E N S D E K E
 E E H Z Z A A U J D N H
 D T B A P T I S M E O W
 R D B E C A U S E A W Z
 A F S A Y E M B O D Y K

What shall we say, **then**? Shall we go on sinning so that **grace** may **increase**? By no **means**! We are those who have died to sin; how can we **live** in it any **longer**? Or don't you **know** that all of us who were **baptized** into **Christ Jesus** were **baptized** into his **death**? 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**. 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 sin—**because** 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**.