

# Normal Life

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## I. Introduction.

A. The normal Christian life is the reigning life through the power of Christ's resurrection.

B. Sin is opposed to us living the victorious life.

C. Text: Romans 6.

D. If we are Christians, Christ died in us that we might be forgiven and we died in sin that Christ might reign. We should not think that defeated Christianity is normal Christianity.

## II. Know about your baptism.

A. At the moment of conversion we became a member of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

B. As a member of Christ we can take part in Christ's life.

## III. Know that you were baptized into Christ's death.

A. God looks at us as if we died in Christ.

B. In Christ we died to sin.

## IV. Know about your crucifixion with Christ.

A. Our old self was crucified.

B. Jesus was alive to God through the resurrection.

1. At the moment of conversion our relationship with sin was broken.

2. The Bible never says that God has taken away your ability to sin. It teaches that God has given us the ability to not sin.

## V. Know about your obligation.

A. We are no longer slaves to sin—we are slaves to God.

B. We can allow God to be the dynamic individual he seeks to be in our lives if we refuse to let sin reign in our mortal bodies.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to be baptized into the death of Christ?

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2. Why do many Christians live such defeated lives? What truths have they failed to grasp?

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3. Why is it important to understand the change we have experienced in our obligation? Explain.

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