

**Conformed to the Image of God's Son, Jesus**  
***Remember Your Baptism***  
**Romans 6:1-14**

- Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Care to share? If not "resolutions," per se, what would you like to be different this year?
- What, about the Christian life, should respond to the New Year? What Bible texts/passages point toward newness of life in Christ?
- What does death have to do with life? Read Romans 6:1-14 and then work through the points of application from the sermon.
  - Do not live as though you are dying to sin; rather, live as one who is already dead to sin
  - Do not live as though you will be resurrected when Jesus returns; rather, live today with resurrection power
  - It is not up to you – but you must work at this new life – but it is not up to you

**Study Notes**

**Thoughts and Quotes from the Sermon**

**Sinclair Ferguson:** Baptism is a naming ceremony. When Jesus gave the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, it was the first time God's full name was given – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have been baptized into the full name of God, and we are united to Christ in his death and resurrection. Nowhere in his writings does Paul call believers *Christians*, but he repeatedly says that we are "united with Christ," we are "one with him," and "in him."

**John Stott:** Our union with Jesus Christ has severed us from the old life and committed us to the new. Our baptism stands between the two like a door between two rooms, closing on the one and opening into the other. We have died, and we have risen. How can we possibly live again in what we have died to?

**Sinclair Ferguson:** Union with Christ is not so much about union – it is about Christ.

**Sacraments, or ordinances** (baptism and the Lord's Supper) are outward signs of an inward spiritual reality, which is a work of grace by the Holy Spirit.

## Scripture Associate with the Message

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,** 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”