

**Something's Changed**  
**Romans 6:5-11**  
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**Intro:** Last week we looked at the story known by many as the “Rich Young Ruler.” That story lead us to understand that even religiously obedient people can miss something. For him it was devoted relationship that was missing. Today a young man who decided to accept the missing piece in his life, was baptized. Our question today follows the, “What’s missing?” question with the “What’s next?” question.

**Interog:** One time I asked a person why they had not accepted Jesus as their Savior. The answer came in a very simple statement, “I know my life will have to change!” they responded. That is interesting, because most of the time people ask, “If I become a Christian, will I have to stop/give up \_\_\_\_\_?” Is change required for people to believe in Jesus? What is the most important change? How can this change be real in me?

**Read text: Romans 6:5-11**

There are 2 “Ifs” in this passage. Verse 5 and 8 have ifs followed nominative and indicative verbs, with plural third person pronouns. Verse 11 has second person pronouns followed by a imperative verb. Paul is leading the readers of the letter then and now to make a choice.

1. **We are changed into death.**  
Concerning sin we are dead.  
We are no longer our own, but God’s  
Gal 2:20, Acts 20:28, Romans 12:1-2
2. **We are changed into life.**  
We now have a living man’s choice  
Psalm 19:7-11, 2 Tim 3:16, John 3:30
3. **I must choose the change.**  
The imperative “reckon” is to reason to a conclusion that leads to an action.  
Eph 4, Pr 3:5-7

**Conclusion:** Jesus died that we may live. We should consider the life we had before Jesus death, and the life we now have in Jesus life. Why would we want to hold on to anything associated with death. Life has us now, let us live like it. Something has changed, does you life show it?