

## Walking in Newness of Life

(April 12, 2026, Glen G. Scorgie)

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-4

### SERMON SUMMARY

The sermon explored what comes *after* Easter. To state the answer succinctly, as Christians we are called to lean into the pattern of Christ's own Holy Week experience of suffering, death and resurrection ourselves. Water baptism classically symbolizes such joining with Christ, as the Apostle Paul explains in our text. In this message, we focused on the alternative, different, *new* way of life into which we have been invited, one that the Apostle famously describes here as walking in *newness* of life.

Sadly, many people claim that they are unable to detect many significant differences in lifestyles between Christians and those still walking in the tedious, futile, older ways of doing life. In this message, we will investigate what "walking in newness of life" involves. The call to do so is an invitation to adventure, to follow a less-traveled path, certainly, and one that requires willingness and courage to no longer always fit in. Nevertheless, such an adventure is well worth the price.

### GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. Read slowly through the biblical text for this past week's sermon (Romans 6:1-4). What stands out most to you as you reflect on it?
2. What was your main personal takeaway from the message this past Sunday?
3. What are some of the most significant differences you detect between what the Apostle Paul describes as a sinful way of life and the "newness of life" in Christ that he commends?
4. Christian water baptism is in the first place a symbol of our dying. We are "buried" in baptism. But obviously we do not cease to exist. What exactly is it that must "die"?
5. Based on the message, what does it mean to walk in newness of life? What activities does such "walking" encompass?
6. Do you think it sometimes requires courage to walk in newness of life? Can you share any examples or specifics with the group?
7. Do you detect any signs that the Christian community is beginning to want greater moral purity—a greater emphasis on walking in newness of life? If so, what are they? Do you share these same longings?