

A photograph of a stone archway leading into a dark tunnel. A large, smooth, light-colored stone is rolled away from the entrance of the arch, which is set into a rough, mossy rock wall. The scene is outdoors, with some small green plants growing near the base of the arch.

A New Life

Oak Hollow church of Christ
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The Three Human Conditions

- **Ungodliness & Unrighteousness**

- Men who suppress the truth of God in their hearts to follow their own desires and passions
 - Romans 1: 18-32

- **The Law**

- Those who had committed themselves to knowing and keeping the Law of Moses.
- Those that do this are still under sin, because knowledge of sin is brought by the law, and no one can be justified by performing the deeds of the law.
 - Romans 3: 9-20; 7: 7-11

- **Christ**

- Those who have put their faith and confidence in Jesus, and who have access to grace through that faith in Him
 - Romans 3: 21-26 ; 5: 1-2

Romans 6: 1-14

- **Question (referring back to Romans 5: 18-21):**
 - Since God so desires us to be saved and so desires to impart grace and forgiveness to us because of His love for us, can't we just keep on living the way that we want?
- **Paul's Response:**
 - Baptism = Death & Resurrection
 - We, who were previously alive to sin, have died to it, and now, being raised with Jesus through His resurrection from the dead, are now alive to God, to live lives according to His will
 - Because of that, we no longer allow sin to reign in our lives, but rather present ourselves as "instruments of righteousness to God."

Romans 6: 15-23

- **Paul comes back for more with an analogy:**
 - We choose to become a “slave” to something (cf. James 4:4 ; Mt. 6:24)
 - to Sin leading to death
 - Free in regard to righteousness, to live how we want
 - Fruit = Shame
 - to God through obedience leading to righteousness
 - Set free from sin
 - Fruit = holiness and everlasting life
 - Vs 23 - The **wages** of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
 - Wages - *opsonia*
 - Gift - *charisma*

