

Life in Union with Christ: Part 1 (Romans 6:1-4)

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The Thematic Statement (Romans 1:16-17): The Key to the Justification and Christian-Life Sections

For I am not ashamed of the good message about Christ, for it is God’s power for deliverance, available to everyone who believes... For in it is revealed God’s righteousness by faith, granted to faith, just as it is written, “The just-by-faith shall live.”

	Uses of Faith/Believe	Uses of Live/Life
Thematic Statement: 1:16-17	4	1
Justification Section: 3:21–5:11	27	1
Christian-Life Section: 5:12–8:39	1	25*

*Rom 5:17-18, 21; 6:2, 4, 8, 10ab, 11, 13, 22-23; 7:1-3, 9-10; 8:2, 6, 10, 12, 13ab, 38

The only use of life in 3:21–5:11 is in a hinge verse that introduces 5:12–8:39

1:16-17 (the thematic statement) is the seed from which all of Romans derives

Habakkuk 2:4 (cited by Romans 1:17): “The just-by-faith shall live” and the remnant of Israel

6:1, an amplification on Romans 5:20: Some readers might get off the straight and narrow:

Negative illustrations

Positive illustration and explanation

6:2a Certainly not! What does this phrase (μὴ γένοιτο = *mē genoito*) mean?

Romans 3:3-4 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 3:5-6 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 3:31 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 6:1 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 6:15 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 7:7 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 7:13 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 9:14 _____? Certainly not!

Romans 11:1 _____? Certainly not!

1 Corinthians 6:15 _____? Certainly not!

Galatians 2:17 _____? Certainly not!

Galatians 3:21 _____? Certainly not!

6:2b Still living in sin is morally inconceivable for us [believers], because we died to sin

6:3 [The Holy Spirit] baptizes believers into union with Jesus Christ in His death [and resurrection]

6:4 Believers have been united with Christ's death, so we (like Him) can walk in newness of life

Conclusion