The Holy Spirit's Filling Ministry
Romans 6:1-13

I.   Review of the Context.
   1. Romans 6:1-13 is a "paragraph" which describes the sin nature as potentially dominating the Christian (*cf.* Tit. 2:12).
   2. This passage describes how at salvation each Christian was counted by the Father to been immersed into Christ Jesus' process of death, co-buried, and like Christ raised by the Father (Rom. 6:3-4).
   3. The objective of this passage is for Christians to defeat the sin nature in order to live righteously (vv. 4, 13).

II. Review of Romans 6:11.
   1. "Likewise reckon . . . yourselves . . ." means <u>like</u> the Father, we are to count ourselves that which does not exist as though it does (Rom. 4:17).
   2. "Dead" here means in the state of death—separated.
      1) Death of the body is when it is separated from the immaterial parts (Jam. 2:26; Acts 2:27; *cf.* 1 Thes. 5:23).
      2) Christ went through the process of death (vv. 3, 4, 5, 9) and was put to death as a once and for all sacrifice (v. 2, 7, 8, 10). This is called the <u>finished work</u> of Christ. It does not have to be redone.
      3) The Father counts in Christ our sin nature nailed to the cross along with its lusts (Gal. 5:24).

III. In Christ the Christian is in the state of death to the sin nature.
   1. When we count <u>like</u> the Father the finished work of Christ, we are separating ourselves from the sin nature—death.
   2. Living in the present spiritually is based on a future with Him (vv. 4, 5, 8, 11, 13).
   3. To count yourself in Christ in the present is based on faith in your future resurrection; the converse is true.

IV. In Christ the Christian is to count himself alive to the Father "on one hand dead . . . and on the other hand alive" (v. 11).
   1. This means the Christian is to focus on what would please the Father—righteous thoughts (Phil. 2:13).
   2. When Christian counts himself separated from the sin nature this involves rendering some bodily appetites inoperable (Rom. 6:6, 12-13; *cf.* Gal. 5:19-21).
   3. All three Persons of the Godhead are involved.