

Romans 6

1. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

A. What shall we say then?

1. Paul is summing up all that He has spoken of previously about our predicament with sin and sins and it being solved by God and His Son. What are we to do with this great truth of being justified freely by His grace in Christ?

B. Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

1. **continue**- Gr. **epimeno**- *to stay upon, reside, remain*

2. Grace abounds at the point of sin, but grace finds its culmination at the point of true holiness and righteousness being demonstrated in our life. The same grace that justifies us will also sanctify us and the nature and image of Christ will be evident in and through our lives.

a. [Titus 2:11-12]- Grace teaches us to live righteously and godly in this present world.

3. Those who teach that God's grace is glorified by our sin are not actually under grace.

a. [Romans 6:14]- Sin shall not have dominion over us when we are under grace. So if sin is having dominion over us we are not under the influence of God's grace.

b. God's grace is His divine influence that enables us to live God honoring lives that we could not produce in and by our own flesh and efforts.

4. We are not to continue on in sin after we are saved, but we are to continue on in grace. Grace through faith got us saved and grace through faith will sanctify us! [Col. 2:6]- *As you have therefore received the Lord Jesus, so continue to walk in Him.*

2. Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

A. Certainly not!- Gr. **me ginomai**- *may it never come to be!*

1. The KJV translation of this is God forbid. This is not what the Greek says. Those of Paul's day would not use God's name in this way.

2. Paul prays that God's grace being used for a cover for sin would never come into existence, but alas it was in His day [Jude 1:4] and is present to this day.

B. How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

1. **died to sin**- How did we die to sin when we are still alive? We died in the person of Jesus Christ who was our representative. What happened to Him happened to us! He died to sin, so then we did

also.

- a. Many advocate and try to die to sin. This verse is not a command to die to sin! This verse proclaims that we have already died to sin. One of the biggest hindrances to overcoming sin in our life is the failure to know and count on that we have already died to it when Jesus died to it!
- b. Jesus completely identified with us by taking our sins upon Himself and that He became our sin. On the cross Jesus identified with humanity. When Jesus was raised from the dead as the new man and head of the new creation we now are identified with Him as believers. As He is so are we in this world! [1 John 4:17] He is holy, so are we! He is free from sin, so are we! He is righteous, so are we. Just as He is so are we. This is the power of identification!
- c. Oh, that we would live upon the principle of identification. We often live separate from Christ. We are vitally united to Him- first at the cross, then the resurrection, and now seated with Him enthroned beside the Father!

2. live any longer in it

- a. We must leave the realm of sin and come up higher where Christ is seated. This takes place in our mindset. We are to set our mind on things above where Christ is seated next to God.
- b. Our life is hidden with Christ in God. We are double wrapped and protected in God. [Colossians 3:3]
- c. Christ is now hidden from view, and so are we [our new birth is hidden]. As He is so are we now. When He is revealed so shall we. [1 John 3:2] We mirror Christ! We are identified in Him!

3. Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

A. Or do you not know

1. **know**- Gr. **agnoeo**- pres. tense- *we get the word agnostic from this word which means not knowing, ignorant. The present tense means the ignorance is taking place presently.*
2. Ignorance of our identification with Christ is the main reason Christians live in sin and struggle with the old life. We are stewards of our level of knowledge or ignorance based upon our time we spend in the Word of God and in God's presence. There are those who also are willfully ignorant. [2 Peter 3:5] We won't be able to plead ignorance before the judgment seat of Christ.

B. as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus

1. **baptized- Gr. baptizo-** *to dip or emerse; used of dipping cloth into dye. Once this was done the cloth was forever changed. It was made one with the dye.*

a. There are different baptisms in scripture in which the person doing the baptism changes

1a. water baptism- believers baptize in water as a sign of identification with Christ death and burial. [**Matt. 28:19**]

2a. baptism into Christ- The Spirit baptizes a believer into Christ which brings the new birth. [**1 Cor. 12:13**]

3a. baptism in the Holy Spirit- Jesus baptizes a believer with the Spirit which empowers them with the Spirit to be a witness in and by the gifts of the Spirit. [**Mark 1:8**]

b. The baptism spoken of here is either water baptism or the baptism into Christ. Both are really speaking of the same thing. Water baptism is a mere outward demonstration of being baptized into the body of Christ in which we are buried in death and are raised a new creature in Christ.

c. Just like when a cloth was dipped into dye and it was changed because it was made one with the dye, so when we were baptized into Christ we were united with Him and forever changed! He is in us now and we are now in Him. Nothing can separate us from Him! [**Romans 8:38-39**]

C. were baptized into His death

1. On the cross Jesus became identified with humanity. The word identify means to become identical with. Jesus became identical with fallen humanity when He became sin and bore as His own our sins. [**2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24**] When we believe upon Christ we are identified in His death and our old man passes away. Jesus acted as our representative on the cross. His death was ours. When we exercise faith in Him this death effectually takes place to our spirit. Our old spirit passes away and we then are reborn.

4. **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

A. Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death

1. **buried-** Gr. **sunthapo-** *to inter [bury] together*

a. Again Jesus was our covenant representative and what happened to Him happened to us. When He died we died. When He was buried so were we.

b. The fact that we were buried means that our old life was ended with no hopes of coming alive. You only bury people who you

know for certain are dead.

B. that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father

1. Christ our representative was raised from the dead, then so were we!
We were raised up, reborn a new creation.
2. Christ was raised by the glory of the Father, and so were we!
3. We are raised by the "glory of God". That is why when we praise and give God glory we are always raised up!

C. even so we also should walk in newness of life

1. **newness-** Gr. **kainotes-** *new in quality and make-up*. We are new creations! We are regenerated- re-gened!
2. Christians have a new life, so it follows that we should walk in it. We do that by believing in our heart about our identification with Christ and speaking it out of our mouths.

5. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,

A. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death

1. **united together-** Gr. **sumphutos-** *born together with, of joint origin, implanted by birth or nature*.
 - a. Jesus was born again in His human spirit because He died in His human spirit. Yes, Jesus had a human spirit! If He didn't He would not be fully human! The second member of the Godhead took on full humanity- a human spirit, soul, and body. 100% God and 100% man. He was the God-man. Jesus died in His human spirit. He took on the same death we had in our spirit! His spirit was made alive in hell. His spirit was given new life. As our covenant representative, the fact that his spirit was made alive and made new is the reason why my spirit is made new when I believed upon Christ. Jesus fully identified with our death- spirit, soul, and body [in His complete humanity], so we can be identified with his new life spirit, soul, and body.
 - b. This word speaks of grafting one life into another. On the cross our bad life was grafted into Christ and Christ was then made sin with our sin. This is unnatural grafting. Natural grafting is when you take a good tree and put it in a bad one so it can produce the good fruit of the good graft. This natural grafting took place to us when we got born again! It was not natural for Jesus to experience sin! He died as us.

B. certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection

1. When you graft you take the life of a good tree and implant it into a bad tree. The bad tree then will start bearing the fruit of the good tree. This

is what happened to us when we got saved. Jesus' resurrection life is implanted into us when we are saved. This life will be revealed in fruit that looks like Jesus. This is natural grafting. God created us to live naturally from His supernatural life. That is the normal Christian life!

a. When we walk in the Spirit then Jesus life is manifested in our life.

His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control is manifested in us. We walk in the Spirit when we walk in faith in our identification with Christ.

6. knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

A. knowing this- Gr. *ginosko*- *to know experientially*.

1. Paul is now turning from positional truth to temporal truth. He is moving from theology to practical living based upon it. He is now putting shoe leather on his theology. We can start experiencing our identification with Christ by first knowing something. **Knowing is the basis from which we can live out the Christian life.** Paul will later call us to reckon or count on what we know, but reckoning is made impossible without first knowing.

B. that our old man was crucified with Him

1. This is not referring to our dad! This is referring to our old identity we had in Adam. Again, Jesus was our covenant representative. We all were wrapped up in Him. What happened to Him, happened to us. God placed Adam and all of us in him into Christ. Christ as the last Adam died to the old creation! We died in Christ before we were born! We were present in the loins of Adam. God placed in the loins of Jesus Christ on the cross and crucified with Him!

C. that the body of sin might be done away with

1. body of sin

a. I have heard so many different explanations to this phrase! It is just what it says it is! This is our physical body that has the principle of sin in it.

b. The principle of sin is located in our bodies. We received this sin principle through our father when we were born. It is passed from each father to his children-both male and female. This is why Jesus was born sinless. He was born of a natural female that has the sin nature, but that sin nature was not passed on to Jesus. The male gives the blood to a child. Sin is passed on through the blood. Life is in the blood [**Lev. 17:11**], and sin has tainted our life blood. Mankind has a sinful life that is passed down through the fathers of mankind. Jesus got His blood from His Father, which gave Jesus Divine blood to shed for us!

1b. **Romans 6:12, 7:5, 7:18, 7:23, 7:24, 8:3, 8:10, 8:13, 8:23**

c. A born again person has a spirit that is made alive and perfected and sealed forever. The principle of sin in the body [flesh] wars against our mind [soul] in order to bring us under control of sin. [**Rom. 7:23**] However, if we renew our minds to who we are in the Spirit and by our will trust in the Spirit of Christ within us to give us victory then we will be controlled by the Spirit.

2. might be done away with

a. What a terrible translation! This is not what the Greek says! The Greek word translated here as “done away” with is **katargeo**- *which means to render idle, unemployed, inactivate, inoperative, to deprive of force, influence, power.*

b. The body of sin is never done away with, but when we yield to the law of our new nature which is activated by faith in God's grace then our body of sin will become inactivated, inoperative, deprived of force, influence and power!

D. that we be no longer slaves of sin.

1. **slaves**- Gr. **douleuo**- *this is actually a verb in the Greek which means to serve as a slave- one's who will is given over to another.* As a sinner we are enslaved to the will of sin and Satan.

2. When we were dead in the sins of the flesh, we were slaves to sin. We had no power against sin that worked in our body against our mind. We had not power source to resist it and overcome it. But now we do! This power is only active for us if we know that we are not the same sinner we used to be. We are no longer dead in the sins of our flesh. We have been made new, clean, holy, and righteous in our spirit and are forever sealed in that condition in Christ! The same power that raised Christ from the dead now dwells in us! We have the power plant of heaven residing in us. This power will supersede the power of sin in the flesh each and every time we activate it by faith.

3. As a Christian we can choose to not be a slave of sin. An unbeliever cannot. We can choose to be a servant of righteousness. We will serve something. However, as a Christian we have a choice who we will serve!

7. For he who has died has been freed from sin.

A. **Freed**- Gr. **dikaioo**- *to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be.*

1. The penalty of sin is death. Once a criminal pays this debt he is declared free from his crime. The problem with this picture is that once someone dies they have no life to go free! That is what is so awesome about what Jesus did for us! As our representative He died our death

which satisfied the debt of sin. The blood and death of the Jesus completely and forever paid for all of our sins past, present, and future. Since Jesus had no sin of His own, once ours were dealt with, Jesus was raised from the dead. As our representative He rose to life. Praise God Jesus had life to raise from the dead. When He was raised, I was raised in Him because He was my representative! What was true of Him was true of me. When I trusted Christ as my Savior I was quickened with His resurrection life and out from death I came! The criminal came back to life but not the same criminal, now a righteous, holy, child of God!

2. This word **dikaioo** means to declare innocent so one is free to go! We are free from sin because we have been justified from sin. The fact that we are not guilty and not condemned gives us the power to walk free from sin. We have to know this in our heart first. Mental assent is not good enough friend. Our mind and heart must be renewed to this glorious gospel fact. Oh, that we could see just how forgiven, cleansed, and free we are because of the blood and finished work of Jesus Christ!

8. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

A. Now if we died with Christ

1. **If- ei-** *since we died*

B. we believe that we shall also live with Him

1. **shall live-** *Future tense*

2. We are alive in our spirit with Him because we are one spirit with Him [**1 Cor. 6:17**], but we shall be with Him in complete life-spirit, soul, and body at the resurrection of the just.

9. knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

A. knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

1. **knowing-** *Gr. eido- to perceive intuitively, to see [spiritually].*

- a. The Christian life is built upon knowing by way of revelation of the Word by the Spirit.

2. **dies no more-** Jesus died once. We died with Christ one time. When we received Christ we died to the old man in experience and were born a new man. This new man will never die. He will live with and in Christ forever!

B. Death no longer has dominion over Him

1. **dominion-** *Gr. kurieuo- to exercise lordship over*

- a. Death can't touch our reborn spirit now or forever. It is sealed in life by the Spirit of God! Once death took Jesus as our representative to the grave and was defeated by His resurrection

- from the dead, death has no more dominion over Him nor us!
- b. Our body will die because the principle of sin dwells in it. All death can do is have dominion over our body. Once our body dies God will raise it up and we will have a resurrection body in which death can never have dominion again! We are more than conquerors through HIM who has loved us! Praise God!

10. For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

A. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all

1. Jesus paid sin's debt once. He died once for all time and all people.
2. We died with him to sin once for all.
3. This means that our spirit died to sin once for all. Once we are born again, our spirit is sealed and we cannot sin and will never sin with or in our spirit. [**1 John 3:9**] We are a spirit, that has a soul, that lives in a body. Our identity now is not sinner but a righteous saint, holy in Him!
4. Our soul, and body have not been redeemed and are vulnerable to sin. We must renew our minds to line up with our spirit, and then the body will follow. The Spirit will mortify the flesh and it's deeds when we trust, speak, and act upon our identification with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

B. but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

1. Jesus died once, but He now live eternally to God.
2. This means that Jesus is in union with the Father and is ever drawing upon His life as His own.
3. In Him we are alive and in union with Christ and the Father and are ever drawing upon His life as our own. This is ever true in our spirit. [**Colossians 3:4**] Our soul must learn to draw and depend upon this life as well. If we try to produce the Christian life, then the Life of Christ is hindered from flowing through us. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. If we try to reverse this order then we set ourselves up for failure and frustration.

11. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. Likewise you also,

1. We need to start seeing ourselves in Christ and what is true of Him is true of us! [**1 John 4:17**]

B. reckon yourselves

1. **reckon-** Gr. **logizomai-** *to consider, take into account, weigh, meditate on a thing is reckoned as or to be something, i.e. as availing for or equivalent to something, as having the like force and weight.*

- a. Victorious Christian life does not begin with reckoning. It begins with revelation knowledge. Vs 6 says, “knowing” our old man was crucified with Him. We must first know something and then we can reckon it in our lives.
- b. We are never called to reckon something that is not already true. Too many Christians try to reckon before then have revelation knowledge of what has already taken place. They do not place their reckoning the firm ground on established fact. They try to reckon in order to make something a fact. They do not realize that sin has already been overcome for them by Christ's death and their identification with it.
- c. We reckon that we have died to sin by taking into account, weighing, and meditating on this as something that has been done. The same force and weight we place on Christ dying for us we must put on our dying with Him!

C. to be dead indeed to sin

- 1. Through Christ the debt to sin has been paid which is death.
- 2. However, this is just the first crucial step to freedom. Just like a criminal dying on death row paid his debt to society and is now free to go, he can't because he has no life! So it is with us. If we just see that we have died to sin and are free from it, if we do not go on to reckon and count on the life of Christ in us, then we will not find freedom and will not be able to walk as free men!

D. but alive unto God in Christ Jesus our Lord

- 1. Jesus freed us from the authority and power of sin by dying our death for us. But we must also know that Jesus wants to be our life source for our living. The only way we are going to practically live free from the power of sin and death, is to draw and depend upon the life of Christ within us by the Holy Spirit.
- 2. As we renew our minds to revelation knowledge of who we are, what we have, and what we can do because we are in Christ, the Spirit of God will empower us to a supernatural grace life above which we could naturally produce in our will power! We can move from will power to Spirit power. Jesus died our death, and now He wants to live our life!
- 3. This does not make us robots! For example lets look at kitchen appliances. They are all unique and designed to serve different functions. However, without the same life of electricity flowing through them, they are all the same- paper weights! If you turn on the electricity and let that life flow through each of the appliances they come to life and are able to perform their unique functions they were created to do. We are the same in the fact that when the life of Christ is flowing through us, we can only then truly be the unique people and function

uniquely as we were created to! Now appliances are not alive like we are. They cannot resist the electricity or how they are made to function, but we can! We can try to produce the power ourselves and thus hinder the flow of life. As we yield to the life of Christ within us we are empowered to be who we were created to be in a most unique way!