



BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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Focus: Rooted – A Study Through Romans

Week 8: “ Grace That Transforms ”

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Introduction: Rooted Theology Connection

- **Romans 5** teaches that righteousness brings peace, hope, reconciliation, and life and ends with a powerful truth: “Where sin increased, graced increased all the more.”
- **Romans 6** answers the natural question: If grace is greater than sin, does sin still matter?

JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
• Declared righteous	• Made righteous
• Event	• Process
• What God does for us	• What God does in us
• Changes our position	• Changes our practice

Paul responds clearly, **grace does not excuse sin**. Grace transforms the believer. Romans 6 moves from being declared righteous to living as those who are righteous.

Key Scriptures

Romans 6:1–4 – United With Christ

Romans 6:5–11 – Dead to Sin

Romans 6:12–14 – Under Grace, Not Law

Romans 6:15-23 – Slaves of Righteousness

1. United With Christ – (Romans 6:1-4) - Paul asks, “*Shall we continue in sin so that grace may abound?*” His answer is emphatic: “**By no means.**”

- Believers have been united with Christ. Through faith, Christ’s death counts as our death, and His resurrection counts as our new life.
- **Baptism** symbolizes this spiritual reality. It is burial of the old life and rising to walk in newness of life.
- Salvation is not only forgiveness. It is union.

Truths To See:

- 1) Grace does not encourage sin
- 2) Believers are united with Christ in death & resurrection
- 3) Salvation includes transformation, not just pardon

Biblical Cross References

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Galatians 2:20

- Colossians 2:12-13

2. Dead to Sin – (Romans 6:5-11) – “*Our old self was crucified with Him.*” The “old self” refers to the person we were under Adam’s rule. Sin once had authority, but through Christ that authority has been broken.

- Being dead to sin does not mean believers no longer struggle. It means sin is no longer master.
- Paul tells believers to “**consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God.**” This means to **reckon** it as true and live from that new identity.

- Identity shifts before behavior shifts.

Truths to See

- 1) Sin's dominion has been broken
- 2) Believers live from a new identity
- 3) Victory begins with understanding who we are in Christ

Biblical Cross References

Colossians 3:1-3

Ephesians 4:22-24

1 Peter 2:24

3. Under Grace, Not Law – (Romans 6:12-14) – “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

- Paul instructs believers not to let sin reign. Sin still attempts influence, but it no longer has authority.
- Being under grace does not mean moral looseness. It means new empowerment.
- The law reveals sin but cannot defeat it. Grace provides power through the Spirit to resist sin and live obediently.

Truths to See

- 1) Grace empowers obedience.
- 2) Believers must actively resist sin.
- 3) Freedom in Christ is freedom from sin's rule.

Biblical Cross References

Titus 2:11-12

Ezekiel 36:26-27

1 Corinthians 10:13

4. Slaves of Righteousness – (Romans 6:15-23) – “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.”

- Paul explains that everyone serves a master.
- Before Christ, believers were slaves to sin. Now they are slaves to righteousness.
 - **Sin pays wages — and the result is death.**
 - **Grace gives a gift — eternal life through Jesus Christ.**
- Freedom in Christ is not autonomy. It is new allegiance.

Truths to See

- 1) Everyone lives under authority.
- 2) Sin leads to death; righteousness leads to life.
- 3) Grace changes our master and our direction.

Biblical Cross References

John 8:34-36

Matthew 6:24

1 Corinthians 6:19-20