

Q Grace reigns **superabounds** "triumph of grace"

Q sin that grace may abound? v. 1
sin b/c we are not under the law but under grace? v. 15

→ By no means! **God forbid** How can we who died to sin still live in it? v. 2 breach w. sin
"grace does not encourage sin; it outlaws it." Stott
"grace is opposed to sin, and devours it." Luther

Wait... that's not my experience! More like "devoured by sin." At least, discouraged in battle w. sin

2 REASONS seeker, listen in w. Applications
talk w. you later

REASON #1 = your union to Christ

1. **Baptism** into Christ symbolizes your union w. Jesus in his death/burial + resurrection ► your death to sin and new life in Christ. 6:3-4
2. Your union w. Christ **lit. grown together w. him** gives you certainty that as you share in a death like his, you will also share in a resurrection like his.
3. As purpose that your **old self = pre-converted, sinful self** was crucified [past/definitive] so that the **body of sin = body conditioned + controlled by sin** be brought to Nothing ► ultimate purpose "set free from sin"

Saul, religious "sinner" encounters \oplus \ominus Jesus

▶ Paul, new creation, struggles against sin [present]

▶ Paul, fully glorified in presence of \ominus [future]

Applications

1. Stop thinking so much about your struggle w. and defeats to sin! Start thinking much - constantly - of Jesus death and resurrection, and your union to him!

$\equiv \equiv$ Modeled by Paul We know (v.6)... fact, logic, faith, logic, (6:6-10) ▶ command "so you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (v.11)

➔ This is key to spiritual life + growth

2. Do not let sin reign in your mortal body to obey its passions, but present yourselves to God as those brought from death to life + your members to \ominus as instruments for righteousness.

"become what you are"

Yes battle is long + hard + discouraging + there have been setbacks. But you should be hopeful, buoyant, zealous for battle. Othniel in Promised Land

Why not sin b/c under grace not law? v. 15

REASON #2 = Your enslavement to God

Startling claim? You and I are either a "slave of sin" or a "slave of obedience"

☑ Slavery? Not by capture but by self-surrender "present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves..." Language of addiction

☑ Only have one master "God or money" Jesus

☑ Sin? Remember the many "faces of sin" which includes LAW/RELIGION/SAUL

SLAVES TO SIN	SLAVES TO OBEDIENCE
Presented themselves to Sin ▶ Leading to more impurity and lawlessness <u>Addiction</u>	Presented themselves to Sin ✝ But became obedient from the <u>heart</u> to standard of teaching to which committed
▶ More lawlessness, end "death"	▶ Fruit "sanctification" + "eternal life"

Applications

1. Seeker: Believe, receive gift of God (6:23), present yourself a slave to God + be set free from sin
2. Saint: Present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification