

I) V1-4 INTRO: What shall we say then Shall we continue in sin that grace may

Paul has just made it clear that Adam sinned, and death was the result

Ro 5:12 Just as through one man sin entered the world, *and death through sin*, because all sinned

II) When Adam sinned, his perfect nature was corrupted

He now had a sin nature, and he passed on his sin nature to *us*  
Even though we didn't sin *in the exact way that he did*, we still are sinners

III) V15 By *one man's offence many died* dealing a death blow future generations

As he would later say, the wages of sin is death

IV) Because of this, God graciously sent His Son Jesus to ransom us (3:24)

The price of the ransom was His own life

1 Ti 2:5-6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave (offered up) Himself *as a ransom* for all—the testimony that was given at just the right time

V) Ransom: He yielded up Himself to death *as the price of the redemption* of all mankind--*His* life in *exchange* for their forfeited lives.

VI) In the OT, if an Israelite had financial problems, he could sell himself

He would become an indentured servant, but could be redeemed

Lev 25:47-48 If a foreigner residing among you becomes rich and any of your fellow Israelites become poor and sell themselves to the foreigner or to a member of the foreigner's clan, he retains the *right of redemption* after he has sold himself. One of his brothers *may redeem him*

VII) This is what Jesus did: he ransomed (redeemed) us, paying off our debt

Col 2:13-14 When you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us *all our trespasses*, having *cancelled the debt* that stood against us, He took it away, *nailing it to the cross*

VIII) The law says, do this and you shall live but we have failed to obey  
This is seen later in Romans

I) Ro 10:5 Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law,  
The man who *does those things* shall live by them

II) As a result, we have a penalty (debt) that needed to be paid  
Ezek 18:20 The soul who sins shall die  
This penalty was paid by Jesus, on the cross

III) Paul made it clear that the Law had revealed the depth of man's sin  
It also gave insight into the depth of God's grace

IV) Paul makes it clear that no matter the degree of sin, grace is  
sufficient

God forgives all of our sins  
Micah 7:19 You will again have compassion on us; You will  
tread our sins underfoot and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea  
Our sins will forever be out of sight, never to be seen or found  
again

V) (5:21) Grace will reign through righteousness to eternal life through  
Jesus

With this said, chapter 6 begins with a question

VI) V1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may  
abound?

Ch 6 begins with a question about grace and obedience  
This is because *grace* may be misunderstood as *permission to  
sin*

VII) Ro 5:20 Paul had said: Where sin abounded *grace* abounded much  
more

Is *continuing in sin* permitted because it amplifies grace?

VIII) V2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it  
Shall we abuse God's grace, and continue to sin to our hearts  
content?

IX) Of course not! This is something that opponents to the gospel were  
saying

Earlier he had already rejected this accusation  
Ro 3:8 And *why not say* Let us do evil *that good may come--as*  
we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say

- X) V2 How shall we who *died to sin* live any longer in it  
Paul sums up our freedom from sin by pointing to one act  
Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection which when  
believed set us free
  - I) This is what Jesus intended for all who would trust Him  
To be set free from sin's bondage and injury to us
  - II) We don't immediately live in the *ideal freedom* that He gives  
It is a gradual process that takes time, but will be completed
  - III) Paul made it clear that this occurs over time  
Phil 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have  
already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which  
Christ Jesus took hold of me
  - IV) Because this is true, as Christians we pursue the Lord and grow in  
grace
  - V) We need to understand that we have been set free from sin's  
*dominance*  
This is because we have been made alive in Jesus
  - VI) Though we are still prone to sin we can have victory through Jesus  
Jn 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you,  
whoever commits sin *is a slave* of sin. And a slave does not abide in the  
house forever, *but* a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you  
free, *you shall be free indeed.*
  - VII) Paul had said believers are dead to the *judicial guilt* found in the law  
The judicial guilt brought judgment, and are also dead to that
  - VIII) We are saved by grace and have been made righteous through Jesus  
Ro 5:19 For by one man's disobedience many were made  
sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous
  - IX) This does not mean that we will never sin again  
Obviously, we sin every day

It does mean is we can have victory in Christ over sin's domination

X) Grace gives us freedom *from* sin, not freedom *to* sin  
Some reinterpreted *grace* to mean *permission to sin and still be righteous*

XI) They were saying that Paul was teaching *cheap grace*  
This is a definition of grace that emphasizes benefits without costs

I) Deitrich Bonhoeffer *The Cost of Discipleship* (1937)  
**Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ**

II) Today it's seen in making a confession of faith without true repentance

III) The call to salvation through Jesus always includes repentance  
Repentance that is genuine is always seen by a changed life  
Col 3:5-9 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old man with its practices.

IV) The one truly converted never takes God's grace lightly  
The maturing Christian understands that discipleship has a cost

Lu 9:23 Jesus said to all If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and *take up his cross daily* and follow Me

V) Christians do not continue to practice sin, but live separated and holy lives

By grace, we live lives that glorify God and are victorious over sin

VI) We have His power through the Spirit, and His direction through His word

1 Jn 2:3-6 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and *does not keep* His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

VII) This does not mean that we will never sin again

We are not perfect and will not be completely perfected until we are in heaven

It does mean that we can now have victory in Christ over its domination

VIII) V3-4 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus

He goes on to explain this by using the symbol of water baptism

I) Water baptism represents Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection  
When we were baptized, we identified with these events

II) He is not saying water baptism saves you, or is necessary for salvation

There are those who teach that baptism is a requirement to be saved

It is called *baptismal regeneration*

III) In Mk 16:16 it says Whoever *believes* and is baptized will be saved, but whoever *does not believe* will be condemned

Ac 2:38 Peter said to them, *Repent* and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

IV) Quote: Those of the baptismal regeneration persuasion believe that baptism—and, for some, repentance and confession—are additional things *that God requires* before He grants salvation.

V) This is not taught in the Bible

God's word, even as we have seen, requires faith in Jesus

VI) When Paul was asked what must I do to be saved, he gave a simple answer

Ac 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved (and your household)

VII) Water baptism is what follows and expresses saving faith in Jesus  
1 Pe 3:21 (Writing of baptism) This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also: *not the removal of dirt from the body* but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

VIII) V3 Believers in Jesus are baptized *into His death*

Being baptized into His death speaks of genuine, saving faith  
We are fully identifying with the One who died to save and justify us

IX) To be *openly* baptized into Jesus was a courageous declaration of faith

It is *revealing to the world* that we have died to sin and are alive in Him

Gal 3:27 all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Jesus died *for* our sins, and as His followers we are to die *to sin* (V11)

I) V4 Therefore we were *buried with Him* through baptism into death, that just as

*Burial* naturally follows death, being the event that finalizes death

When it occurs, it is final and decisive

II) When we went under the water we identified with Jesus' death and burial

The *old nature* was crucified with Jesus on the cross (Gal 2:20)  
In being baptized, we are to recognize that we are now dead to sin

III) V4 Just as *Christ was raised* from the dead *by the glory* of the Father even so

Jesus actually died, but He rose from the dead

When we are baptized, we are openly revealing that our old life

is now dead

IV) V4 The glory is of the exercising of His power by resurrection producing glory

God raised Jesus from the dead and *imparts life to us*

V) This is *newness of life*

This life is produced by the power of the Spirit

We have put off the old man and have put on the new man

VI) The new man is renewed in the spirit of our mind (Eph 4:23)

We have put away lying, angry, stealing, filthy language, drunkenness

Instead, because of Him we now walk in love as God's children

VII) This is all the fruit of His Spirit within us

Eph 1:19-20 the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of *His mighty power* which He worked in Christ *when He raised Him from the dead* and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places

VIII) V5 For if we have been united together in the *likeness of His death*, certainly

United: Grown with; grafted together; planted; conjoined with  
It can be used of a bud that has been engrafted into another

plant

IX) If we have been crucified with Jesus, we also will be resurrected as He was

Jesus' resurrection guarantees our own resurrection

Ro 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you

I) V6 Knowing this: That our *old man* was crucified with Him that the body of sin

Our old man speaks of our old nature, that produces our old way of living

II) Even as Jesus was crucified, so our old nature was crucified with Him

Our old man is to be completely recognized as *dead*

Eph 4:22 put off, concerning your former conduct, *the old man* which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts

III) V6 That the *body of sin* might be done away with that we should no longer be *No longer slaves to sin*: The body of sin has been *rendered inoperative*

We are no longer in bondage to sin and *live* in newness of life

IV) V7 For *he who has died* has been freed from sin Now if we died with Christ

A dead person is no longer responsible for their debts

Because we are *in* Jesus and He paid our debts, we are not liable for them

Col 2:14 (Jesus) cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

V) V8 Now if we *died with Christ* we believe that we shall also *live with Him*

When we were saved, our old man died too giving way to a new life

VI) Our hope of life and eternity rests in His resurrection

1 Co 15:20 Christ is risen from the dead and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep

VII) V9 Knowing that Christ having been raised from the dead *dies no more*

Jesus died one time for all time

Heb 9:27-28 Just as man is *destined to die once*, and after that to face judgment, so Christ *was sacrificed once* to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

VIII) V9 Death *no longer* has *dominion* over Him

Death is not possible for Jesus, and in Jesus it has no dominion over us

He ever lives, and we also live because of what He has done on our behalf

IX) Eternal death has no lordship, power, or authority over believers



- I) V10 For the death that He died He died to sin *once for all*  
This speaks of the reason that Jesus died: to atone for our sins
- II) V10 The life that He lives He lives to God  
He *lives* and brings glory to His Father, and makes intercession  
for us
- III) V11 Likewise you also *reckon yourselves to be dead* indeed to sin  
but alive  
By faith, know because of His resurrection and life *you too are*  
*alive*  
Because of this understand sin cannot control you
- IV) By faith, offer yourself to God, not to a life of sin  
Understand that grace provides power to overcome  
Ps. 19:13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they  
not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.