

Romans 6

Jesus

I. Dead to Sin... Alive to God

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

- **Paul anticipates** the response of Self-Righteous Legalists to preaching Grace

So, you're saying the worse we sin the more God is glorified by showing Grace/Mercy?

So... we should sin more to glorify God?

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

Religious: Is Paul is condoning sin?

Romans 3:8b [Also said Paul said] "Let us do evil that good may come"? —as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. **Their condemnation is just.**

- **We died to our desire to sin when Jesus died for us**
- **We died to the law when Jesus died for us**

Galatians 2:19 I... through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

1 Peter 2:24 ... who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that **we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness**—[Don't forget] by whose stripes you were healed.

We see our sin nailed to the cross we belong on. Response?

Thankful for God's grace...We want nothing to do with the sin that killed Jesus

- Shall we continue to sin the grace might abound?

3 Or do you not know [IOW's you should know...] that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life.**

- If you have not died to self...You are not living to God

Died to Desires/Self-Will/Self-Determination/Pride/Worldliness/Rebellion/Just who I am

No? Maybe you don't belong to Jesus/Not alive/Not a saved person

Matthew 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life **will lose it**, but **whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**

John 12:25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who **hates his life in this world** will keep it for eternal life.

If I chose to die to my old life ..., why would I seek to continue in it?

- **Baptized into Jesus when we believed**

1. **Immersed in Christ:** Life/Death/Resurrection
2. Picture of going under to death **rising to newness of life**

We can't rise if we were not buried first...

Galatians 3:27 ... as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ.

Colossians 2:12 [**We were...**] **buried** with [Jesus] in baptism... raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

2 Corinthians 5:17 ... if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a **new creation**.

Old Creation needed to die on the cross to resurrect to New Creation

- Creation restored to the pre-fall image of God not Adam

Colossians 3:10 ... and have **put on the new man** who is **renewed** in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him...

From *dead men walking* to the **Newness of Life**

5 For if [since] we have been **united together in the likeness of His death**, certainly we also shall be in **the likeness of His resurrection**, 6 knowing this, that our **old man** [Adamic Nature] **was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin**.

No Longer Slaves of Sin. Set Free through the Resurrected Life of Jesus Christ!

- We are not still at the cross
- We are not still in the ground...**We are living the resurrected life in Jesus**

We are called to live in the Newness of Life God Provided

No more condemnation through the Law...Free to live as we were Created

Galatians 2:20 I have been **crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Philippians 3:10 ... that I may **know Him and the power of His resurrection...**

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

- **The very moment we died w/Christ...**we were set free from sin

1. **Penalty of Sin:** Eternal Separation/Hell

2. **Bondage of Sin:** Inability to stop offending God/Hurting others/Destroying self

8 Now if [since]we died with Christ, we believe that **we shall also live with Him**, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, **dies no more**. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

- Jesus only had to die once and our Salvation was paid for
- We believed: Placed in Jesus/Clothed w/ Jesus/ Baptized into Jesus...
 1. His Death
 2. His Burial
 3. His Resurrection: Jesus/Those who believe **never to die again**

2 Timothy 2:11 This is a faithful saying: **...if we died** with Him We shall also live with Him.

John 11:23 Jesus said to [Martha], "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"

We Died/Buried/Raised with Jesus Death has no dominion over Jesus/Those who are in Jesus

10 For the **death that [Jesus] died**, He died to sin **once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 **Likewise** you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead** indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Since Jesus died/rose and now lives to please the Father for Eternity
Reckon/Account our past life as dead...and live to please Jesus

12 **Therefore do not let** sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

- God does not remove Free Will; i.e., Living sacrifices can crawl off the altar
- **Adamic Nature:** Flesh/Feeling can still get ahold if we let it

Born again believers still have the ability to allow sin to control them
"Do not let it": A term we could not use before receiving God's Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; **nor can he know them**, because they are spiritually discerned.

Be who you really are: Not Adamic Nature of the flesh but Nature of Jesus in the Spirit
Now have the Ability/Responsibility to utilize the power of the Spirit. So...

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead**, and

your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

- **Wake up with a choice we once never had...**

1. Instruments of Unrighteousness
2. Instruments of God's Righteousness... our choice/His power

Colossians 3:5 Therefore **put to death your members** which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

James 4:1 [To believers] Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

Romans 12:1 ... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

1 Peter 4:2 ... [New man should/will] ... no longer... live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, **but for the will of God.**

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Thought for the week: We can either try to keep the law or walk in the spirit but we can't do both

SUMMARY Dead to Sin and Alive to God

Ch. 1: Desire visit Rome. **Just Live by Faith.** Creation reveals a Creator/Actively Suppress Truth/Under Wrath

Ch. 2: God's Kindness leaves no excuse for Jew/Gentile. Religious have no advantage over irreligious godless

Ch. 3: All have sinned. All fall short. No one is good. No one can boast of being good

So many weird variations of "Christianity" w/ridiculous doctrines/beliefs exposed in Romans. KISS

Salvation by Grace Alone by Faith Alone in Christ Alone.

Ch. 4: Abram believed/declared Righteous. David believed/sin not counted against. Finished work of Jesus on cross.

Ch. 5: Benefits of Faith: Righteousness/Peace w/God/Access to God/Grace for this life. Death in Adam/Life in Jesus...

Ch. 6: Crucified/Buried/Risen with Jesus. No longer slave to sin. **No longer under Law but Grace**

II. Slaves of Sin to Servants of God Yield

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Should God's Kindness lead us to Sin? Certainly not...

16 Do you not know that to whom you present [yield] yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Present/Yield your Bodies to God for Righteousness

- **Fork in the Road...**

If you come to a fork in the road...*take it.* [Yogi Berra]

- Serve/Obey Flesh/Sin ... result will be **Death/Destruction**
- Serve/Obey Spirit/Righteousness ... result will be **Life/Restoration**

What we present/yield our bodies to will be our master!

2 Peter 2:19b....by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

- Sin playing w/life as a cat/mouse?

Proverbs 5:22 [Shoot self in foot?] His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.

- People like to say they are free spirits...
- **Q.** So... Why are free spirits always bumming money off me? Addicted to something?

John 8:34 [Jesus] Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered [entrusted].

What Doctrine/Teaching did we believe that set us free from sin? Doctrine led people to be burned at the stake...

A. Salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Jesus Alone. Period.

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Set Free from the Bondage to Sin...Now Free to live the Abundant Life

John 8:32 ... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- **Slave**
 1. One born into a condition of slavery
 2. One whose will is swallowed up in the will of another
 3. One who serves his master to the disregard of his own interests
- **Once true w/regard to us...**
 1. We were born as slaves to sin.
 2. Our will was swallowed up and captive to sin within us.
 3. We were so enslaved to sin we served it ... **even when it was destroying us**
- **Now true w/regard to us because of Jesus...**
 1. We are born again, now as slaves to righteousness.
 2. Our will is now swallowed up in the will of God. It is His will that matters to us, not our own.
 3. We now willingly choose to serve Jesus to the disregard of our own (selfish) interests. [Guzik]

19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you [formerly] presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present [yield] your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

- Speaking in common terms? **You have a new boss!**

BC Boss: Sin exposed by Law Master demanded filthiness/exponential lawlessness

AD Boss: God's Holy Spirit Master leads us to do right/exponential holiness

Morning Choice? Yield Your Bodies to God
His mercies are new every morning...

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness [lit. unto sanctification].

- **Free Spirit yet a slave to sin.** Something to boast about?

21 What **fruit** did you have then in the things of which you are **now ashamed**? For the end of those things is death.

- **BC Fruit?** Rotten

1. Fornication/Drugs/Alcohol/Hatred/Envy
2. Selfishness/Self-centeredness/Self-Indulgence
3. Godlessness/Occult/Pornography/Pride...

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed?

For the end of those things is death

- **Fruit Basket from old boss?** Bondage/Death...

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| 1. Spiritual Death | Anguish here continued into eternity |
| 2. Physical Death | Ratio is 1:1 all die |
| 3. Death of <i>what could have been</i> | All that God desired for you including joy |

- **End of the old life is Death...**

Good News: Jesus offers us Abundant Life Now and Eternal Life Forever!

22 But now having been **set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your **fruit to holiness**, and the end, everlasting life.

- **Fruit Basket from the New Boss**

1. Freedom
2. Holiness

- Result of the old life is Death

- **Result of New Life is Eternal Life...**

23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the [free] gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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| ▪ Wages of Old Boss | Sin exposed by Law | Condemnation/Death |
| ▪ Gift of the New Boss | God's Holy Spirit | Abundant/Eternal Life |

SUMMARY Slaves of Sin now Servants of God. Yield to God

