

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 22

A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Morning Series

May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:14—23

Romans 6

The previous chapters of Romans focused mostly on the matter of *salvation*, but this chapter focuses on the matter of *sanctification*, that is, holy living after one is saved.

The emphasis is not on the *doctrine of salvation* but on the *deportment of the saved*.

Two main questions about grace and sinning guide the contents of this chapter.

Romans 6 may be divided into two main parts as follows:

- A. The Increasing of Grace by Sin (Romans 6:1-13)
- B. The Increasing of Sin by Grace (Romans 6:14-23)
(Today)

So, Let's get started:

“The Increasing of Sin by Grace”

The second question is like the first question, but instead of *sin increasing grace*, it is now *grace increasing sin*.

But the motive behind the question is the same claim: that *grace/salvation is an excuse to do more sinning*.

- I. **The Case of Grace Increasing Sin (Romans 6:14, 15)**

“Ye are not under the law, but under grace... Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?” (Romans 6:14, 15).

This **argument** is another attempt at *perverting* grace into encouraging sin and into an excuse for sinning.

In the previous **argument**, the *perverted* idea was that more sin would bring more grace; in this revised **argument** of evil, the *perverted* idea is that grace frees us from the law and therefore permits more sin.

The objective of the **argument** is the same as the objective of the first argument about grace—wanting an excuse to sin more.

In this **argument** grace will end up being blamed for more sin.

This means that eventually God gets blamed for evil instead of sin and Satan.

This is exactly what Satan wants, and he has succeeded well in deceiving mankind with this *perverted argument*,

for when something goes wrong in society, God frequently is blamed.

Seldom is Satan or sin blamed for the problems of society and of the individual.

II. **The Condemning of Grace Increasing Sin (Rom. 6:16-23)**

Paul condemned this *perversion* of grace just as forcefully ("God forbid" — [Romans 6:15](#), cp. [Romans 6:2](#)) as he condemned the previous *perversion* of grace studied in this chapter.

His arguments for condemnation are strong and scholarly.

There are 3 of them...

• **The freedom in the condemning.**

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey... ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin" ([Romans 6:16-18](#)).

Sin brings servitude, and **grace** brings freedom, for when one receives the Gospel message he is "made free from sin" ([Romans 6:18](#)).

• **The fiat in the condemning.**

"For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness... yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness" ([Romans 6:19, 20](#)).

The **fiat** or **command** is to submit to the commands of righteousness.

The phrase "free from righteousness" is sanctified sarcasm to forcefully contrast being "free from sin" ([Romans 6:18](#)).

• **The fruits in the condemning.**

"What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are not ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But not being made free from sin... ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages [fruit] of sin is death; but the gift [grace] of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" ([Romans 6:21-23](#)).

This question about **fruit** is the most important question.

It ought to be asked before one does anything—what will be the result of this form of conduct?

Grace brings the **fruit** of "holiness, and... everlasting life" ([Romans 6:22](#)).

The **fruit** of grace is the opposite of the **fruit** of sin—the wages [or **fruit**] of sin is eternal death ([Romans 6:23](#)), not "everlasting life."

The fruit of sin is "uncleanness" ([Romans 6:19](#)), not "holiness."

Thus, grace does not increase or encourage sin or give an excuse for sin; that idea is *perverted* thinking.

Sin brings a curse, not a blessing.

Conclusion:

The argument that it increases grace is bogus, wicked, and fraudulent.

Grace is a blessing; sin is a curse.

Increasing the curse by sinning more does not increase blessing.

Do not be deceived by this crafty argument.

Do not let sin rule and reign in your life.

It will only curse you; it will not increase the work of grace.

Closing: So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

If not, will you accept Him today?

Have you known the "blessing" of "justification?"

Are you living in GRACE by GRACE or are you living sinfully?

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