

A Change of Status

Romans 6: 1-2

6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

So, Paul, does living for Jesus mean I keep on sinning because His grace covers. Paul: No! By no means! May it never be! God forbid! Certainly not! Of course not! That's unthinkable! Are you kidding me?

*A proper understanding of
justification by grace through faith
does not lead people to sin, but
instead leads people to holiness.*

Something happened in the
past so that you can now
say, “I am dead to sin.”

A disciple:

- 1) Follows Jesus.
- 2) Is being transformed by Jesus.
- 3) Is committed to the Mission of Jesus.

Romans 1:3-7

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 1:3-7

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Mark 10:38

“Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Being Baptized into Jesus
changes your status

We go from Slave to Free

In chapter 8, Paul says we go
from Slave to Child

We go from Prisoner to Free

Orphan to Heir

Dead to Alive

Enemy to Friend

Lost to Found

We go from Stranger to Family
 Sinner to Saint
 Broken to Redeemed
 Guilty to Not-Guilty
 Foreigner to Citizen

Paul's main point: *When you become a follower of Jesus, you have a change of status.*

1) Remember your Baptism

Your UsedToBe died with Jesus

That is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Cor. 6:11)

2) Don't let your setbacks set you back.

1 Cor. 10:13

“And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

You will never be content when
you are trying to live in a status
that is not yours.

When you become a follower of Jesus, you have a change of status. God empowers you to live like it!