



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

Join us from 9:30-10 am for a **time of fellowship** before the worship service.

Please sign-in your children for **Nursery and Kids' Church**.

**Middle School Youth Group** will take a break for the summer. May 4 is the final day.

**Men's Breakfast** is May 14.

**Families with young children**, please save the date, tentatively June 20-24, for **Vacation Bible School**.

**Need Prayer?** Our Elders and their wives are available after the service.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

### Giving January thru March

Budgeted - \$85,000

Actual - \$80,838

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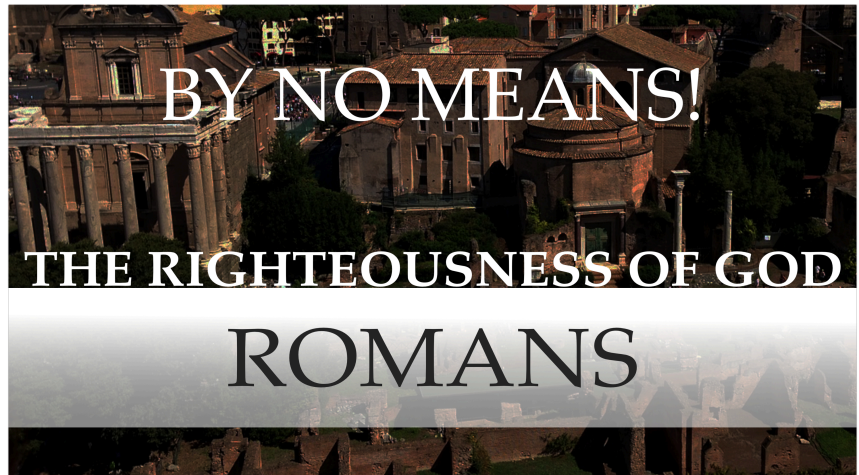
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Romans 6:1-14

**Big Idea:** In chapters 1-5, Paul fully describes how we are justified (declared right with God) by faith in Christ Jesus alone, not by our works of obedience. In chapter 6, he moves on to address four questions that reasonably flow from what he has already affirmed.

- Since our obedience has nothing to do with our justification, can we keep on sinning so God can show more grace?
- Why can't we keep on sinning?
- How have we died to sin?
- Why have we died to sin?

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## GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### **The Triumph of Grace over the Power of Sin (Romans 6:1-23)**

1. What thoughts in chapter 5 prompted Paul to ask the question in Romans 6:1?
2. What happens when Christians believe their sin does not matter?
3. How does Paul refute the idea that, since more sinning results in more grace, we should sin all the more?
4. Describe the spiritual reality to which water baptism points. (see also Acts 1:5; 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:11-12)
5. Specifically how does Paul say believers have died to sin? If Christ is your Savior, how have you experienced this death personally, and how are you now living in “newness of life”?
6. What does Paul mean by “the old self”? (see also Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10)
7. What does it look like to be dead to sin but alive to Christ... In our homes? In our schools and at work? In our community? In our church 'ohana?
8. Paul moves from the indicative (what is true) of verses 1–11 to the imperative (what to do) of verses 12–14. How would you summarize each of these two sections? What is the relationship between them? Is the imperative built on the indicative, or the indicative on the imperative?
9. What are the two negative commands and the two positive commands, and why does lasting change require both negative and positive actions?
10. If Paul is telling believers to pursue sacrificial obedience, why is he saying we are not under the law? How does God’s promise in verse 14 encourage you in life of the commands in verses 12-13?