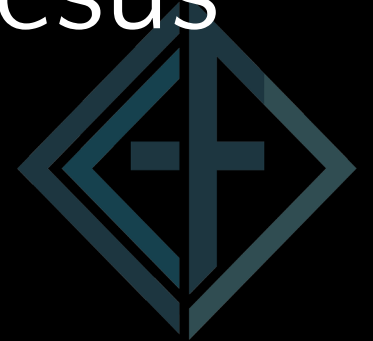




Romans 6:1-23

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?



⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.



⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.



¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?



¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations.



For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.



²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Leader: **The Word of the Lord**
Congregation: **Amen! Praise be to God!**





Paul's Opening Question

- Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
 - 1 John 1:19 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



The Answer – The Truth

- We have died to sin.

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Dead to Sin



- Not spending time or meeting up with sin.
- Not talking with sin.
- Not inviting sin over or going to where sin is.



What does it mean to be alive to God?

Dead to Sin

- Not spending time or meeting up with sin.
- Not talking with sin.
- Not inviting sin over or going to where sin is.
- Intentional choice

Alive to God

- Living out our faith in our body – thoughts, see, words, and actions.
- Displaying the fruits of the spirit.

Alive to God

Galatians 5:22–23a

”²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”



Alive to God

- ❖ **Radically** serving and loving others
- ❖ Glorifying **God** in words and actions
- ❖ Simultaneously be dead and alive
 - ❖ Love cannot exist when there's jealousy



The Answer – The Truth



- We have died to sin.



The Answer – The Truth



- We have died to sin.
- We are no longer slaves to sin.



Verse 6-7

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin.



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Verse 12

Let not sin
therefore **reign** in
your mortal body,
to make you obey
its passions.



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How can sin reign over your body?

Mark 7:21-23

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.



Definition of Envy

Envy is described as a **painful** or **resentful** emotion characterized by a desire to possess something that belongs to someone else.



Let not sin

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

- Be active, not passive
- Be intentional



No Dominion

Verse 14

For sin will have no dominion over you,
since you are not under law but under
grace.



The Answer – The Truth

- We have died to sin.
- We are no longer slaves to sin.



The Answer – The Truth

- We have died to sin.
- We are no longer slaves to sin.
- We are a **new creation**.



Out with the old, in with the new

Romans 6:3—we too might walk in newness of life

Romans 6:6 – We know that our old self^[a] was crucified with him

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



Slaves of Righteousness

Action Items:

1. Choose Righteousness (vs 16)

¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?



Slaves of Righteousness

Action Items:

1. Choose Righteousness (vs 16)
2. Be Set Free (verses 17-18)

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Application

1. Claim this statement, “I am free indeed!”
2. Hold onto the truth - Dead to sin
3. Choose obedience to God



