

A marble bust of a man with curly hair and a beard, wearing a draped garment, sits atop a fluted column. The background is a light blue, marbled texture.

# ROMANS

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The Gospel According to Paul

# **Our Response, pt. i**

**Rom. 6:1-14**

# **Romans** (The Gospel According to Paul)

- Mankind has an inescapable sin problem which traces all the way back to Adam
  - \*All are guilty, it is obvious, we are without excuse.
- The wages of this sin problem is death/separation from God.
  - \*There is nothing we can do on our own to fix this.
- God has provided a rescue/a justification
  - \*Faith in the substitutionary death of Christ on our behalf.

# Rom. 6:1-14

- Context

*Rom. 5:20-21 “...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more...”*

- Potential Objection

*\* “so, we should sin more then, since sin leads to grace which makes God look amazing??”*

As in Ch. 3, Paul responds: God forbid!!!

# **Rom. 6:1-7**

- **Illustration from Baptism**
    1. **Immersion, Conscious choice**
    2. **Visible symbol of invisible event**
      - a. **Under water: death, tomb, darkness**
      - b. **Raised up: resurrection, new life,**
      - c. **United with Christ!**
        - I. **His death (a funeral of sorts?)**
        - II. **New life (resurrection!)**
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# Rom. 6:1-7

- Phrase, “dead to sin”..?
  1. Don't sin anymore? Don't struggle with temptation?  
Impossible for a Believer to sin or struggle?
  2. No. A Death to the GUILT of sin
    - a. Sin has not more claim or demand
    - b. Able to claim the justification God offers

*Pre-conversion life, death, baptism, Post-conversion life.*

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# Rom. 6:8-11

- *“The life He lives, He lives to God”* Rom. 6:10
  1. This is the “middle ground” between Justification and Glorification ... **SANCTIFICATION!**
  2. **NOT** “our efforts to be good so God will love us”  
**NO!** Rather, our response to our good and loving God who has Justified, Redeemed and Saved us!

# Rom. 6:12-14

- Clearly, we will battle sinful desires!
  1. If it were not so, Paul wouldn't urge us to "not let sin reign"
  2. If it were not so, Paul wouldn't urge us to "not present the members of our body as instruments of unrighteousness"
- But the battle is **BECAUSE** of God's love for us, **NOT** to earn it.
  1. God's end goal is to **FREE** us from the mastery of sin
    - \*which pollutes natural desires to glorify self



# Questions for challenge:

**\*How would I explain the difference between “struggling with sin” while yet “being dead to sin”?**

**\*In what ways am I “presenting the members of my body as instruments of unrighteousness”? What is God calling me to do about that?**

**\*Why is Christ-centered discipleship and living NOT “works righteousness” or “anti-nomianism”?**

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