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Romans Road to Recovery / Romans 6:1–14

Notes

08/24 Rom. 6:1-14, "Break the Chains of Sin," Subtitle: Grace overcomes sin, so let it! Scripture: Isa. 58:6

As children of God we are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ, so choose to live like it.

When the condemnation of sin abounds, grace abounds more (Rom. 5:20)

The accusation of those who attack the gospel message:

As children of God, can't you then just go on sinning since grace will always abound more than your sin?

| Christian, you are never out of danger of sinning.

| **Charles Spurgeon**

| Our attitude towards sin is more self-centered than God-centered. We are more concerned about our own "victory" over sin than we are about the fact that our sin grieves the heart of God.

| **Jerry Bridges**

| Praying and sinning will never live together in the same heart. Prayer will consume sin, or sin will choke prayer.

| **J. C. Ryle**

| An unbeliever who sins is a creature sinning against his Creator. A Christian who sins is a child sinning against his Father. The unbeliever sins against law; the believer sins against love.

I can either embrace the sin in my life that holds me down with a weight that I alone cannot carry, or I let go of sin's weight and embrace God's grace that can alone overcome sin and give me life.

| In response, essentially, Paul argues that the law could never curb sinning; and the reign of grace, far from encouraging sin, is the only means by which sin can truly be defeated.

| Douglas J. Moo

Those who die with Christ are free from sin (Rom. 6:1-7)

Grace is meant to give me the freedom to bear the empowering image of God as I was created to and lay the heavy burden of the image of self down (the image of our father the first Adam, Rom. 5:12-21).

- Those who live for sin are slaves to it. Those who die to sin are freed by grace.
- We are either mastered by sin or live to master it through grace.

Those who are free from sin are alive to God in Christ (Rom. 6:8-11)

I can either embrace the sin in my life that holds me down with a weight that I alone cannot carry, or I let go of sin's weight and embrace God's grace that can alone overcome sin and give me life.

- Those who are alive to sin are embracing that which brings death. Those who are alive to God in Christ are embracing that which conquers death.

Those who are alive to God master sin through Grace (Rom. 6:12-14)

Grace was not meant just to abound over my sin, it was meant to be the tool that separates me from it (Rom. 6:13).

Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding grace is the hope of mankind.

A. W. Tozer

- When sin reigns in you it masters you. When you let grace reign in you, it masters sin.

Our choice is simple, we either choose life in Adam or life in Christ (Rom. 5:12-21)

The Messiah has come, and sin's power has been killed.

As children of God we are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ, so choose to live like it.

The basic, overriding purpose of our lives now is to become in practice what we are in that new perfection and position. Now that we are Christ's brothers, God's children, we should live like it.

John F. MacArthur