

Walking Through Romans to Christ

Romans chapter 6 “More sin, more grace??”

Righteousness by Faith Series

Opening/REVIEW: Paul left off from chapter 5 with a thought. “Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more”. So what is he saying, **More sin, more grace?** Yes. More need, more supply. But is he saying that we should sin more to get more Grace? **God Forbid!!!** Let’s see what our chapter says...

1. **People who are DEAD to Sin are NO LONGER to Live in Sin (Baptism—washing away) (v.1-6)**
 - a. *Baptism is a symbol of death, burial, and resurrection (this is also why it’s very important that the symbol is performed according to the Bible method of immersion which requires “much [plenty of] water” (John 3:23). We must have a FULL cleansing and washing away of sin through Christ! (Not just some sprinkling).*
 - b. **This is why we don’t baptize people who are drinking, smoking, doing drugs, or Fornicating.**
 - c. What is the first step in Coming to God? Repentance (**Acts 2:38; Matthew 4:17; 3:2, 6**). People are to be baptized “confessing and forsaking” their sins (Proverbs 28:13) (In John’s ministry, some turned away, Matt. 3:7-9). We must be willing to surrender or give up our sins to Christ (Repenting). And being baptized as a symbol of washing away of the old life. **For example**, look at Marriage. Is it okay for your future spouse to still be dating several other people while standing at the altar to say “I do” to you? Should they still be making dates with others while they’re starting a new life with you? I don’t think so!!! No way, right?! So, how can we go down into the waters of baptismal commitment to Jesus Christ, while still dating, playing, and flirting with all the sins of the world? Not going to happen! **We must die to selfishness and sin! Let sin be buried in that watery grave behind you! Rise up from the dead watery grave to walk in “newness of life” with Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior!!**
 - d. **Is drinking and smoking a sin? See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.** “...drunkards” will not be in the kingdom of God, says the Bible. Thankfully, the Bible also says, “such WERE some of you.” That means that Jesus Christ has the power to deliver us, and the gospel changes our lives forever!! Praise God!! You may also want to consider the fact that Jesus wants to heal our bodies (even like He did for many when He came during the 1st Century). To deliberately destroy our bodies is a sin. Our bodies are to be the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We should not abuse them (*1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 6:19,20*). We can look at the example of one man Jesus healed. Christ gave him the ability to “rise up and walk.” Jesus told him, “Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” Apparently, this man’s own sins had brought upon him the condition he was suffering from. If we abuse our bodies, the same things can happen to us (John 5:14).
 - e. Sometimes I hear stories of people getting upset with a Pastor or Evangelist because they called someone to give up a **cherished sin** before being baptized (*and sadly, the person chose to walk away from Jesus rather than to give up their cherished sin*).

- i. You might as well get mad at Jesus too (**Mark 10:21, 22**). Did Jesus send him away? No, the man turned away. He loved his **cherished idol** more than Jesus.
 - f. **“Henceforth, we should not serve sin...”(v.6)** No longer!! We must give up the sin at Baptism (sinful lifestyle is not an option—we are called to REPENT and be baptized).
 - g. *Note:* This doesn’t mean you won’t have struggles, or a stumbling or something. If that happened to you it doesn’t mean your baptism wasn’t sincere either. (**ex.** A man who I knew, gave up smoking, had the victory, then slipped up later and went back into smoking. He felt so guilty and was nearly ready to give up! That’s not the way. Don’t give up!!! The Lord can and will still save you from that sin if you’ll let him! Jesus loves you and He wants to deliver you from all chains of bondage because He LOVES and cares for your soul! Jesus came to “set the captives free” and that’s just what he’ll do! Seek Him! Jesus will not condemn you. No! He’ll reach out with His great arms of love to save and deliver you. Jesus is your helper and friend. Do not run away from your only helper! Luke 4:18; John 8:32,36; Matthew 11:28; John 8:7,10-11; 15:4,5).
- 2. **Our selfish heart is to be CRUCIFIED (beaten violently to a cold rugged Cross) (v.6-12)**
 - a. Dead. (v.7). If we have a sin problem it’s because we’re not dead--still **proud and selfish**.
 - b. We haven’t learned to DIE. (No self interest. Just like Christ.)“learn of me”(**Matthew 11:28-30**)
 - c. NEW IDENTITY is needed. “no longer us, but Christ” You have **nothing to boast about** if your life shines like Jesus—**that’s the result of Christ LIVING in you. (Galatians 2:20)**
 - i. “I die **DAILY**”...(1 Cor. 15:31) “if the Son...free” (**John 8:32**) (daily need, daily help, daily dependence on God—moment by moment). **Pray** for death to self. Daily **read the Word prayerfully** so that you may **see your true condition** and **know your need to pray** for death to self.
 - d. “Let not sin therefore reign in your “Glorified body?” No. Mortal body. (**v.12**) CHOOSE. Self and sin, or Christ and His righteousness?
- 3. **Surrender your thoughts and Actions to God (v.13, 14, 15-23)**
 - a. **“sin shall not have dominion over you” (Genesis 4:7)**
 - b. (v.14) “under grace” (**ex. Caught Stealing at work. Manager says, “I could fire you, but...”** Are you now free to steal left and right?) No way! Grace teaches us to live a righteous life! Being “under grace” means that you’re forgiven by God’s great mercy! You are not condemned to die by the full penalty of the law. Therefore, since Jesus has saved you by His grace, and you are now “under” that grace, then your new desires are to live a righteous life out of gratitude and thankfulness to God. Not because you’re trying to save yourself or anything, but because Jesus has saved and delivered you from sin, so that you may live a new life for him (**see Titus 2:11-14**).
 - c. (v.18)—the problem is fixed in Christ. You are “made free”. (whatever that sin is)
 - d. “What fruit had ye” (v.21) Nothing Good came of your sin anyway.
 - e. **Verse 23. “Wages” are something you EARN. “Gifts” are something you RECEIVE.** Can you earn a gift? No, that’s not a gift at all.

Summary: Dead sinners don’t choose sin. We have a new goal in life after Baptism. We are choosing a new path. We are not choosing a life of sin.

Today’s Appeal: Do you want to live a life that reveals Christ living in you?_____