

Romans 6:12-14

Ye Are Under Grace

1. 6:12 – Your Mortal Body

- a. v11-14 - We are at the final answer to the question in 6:1- *“shall we continue in sin?”*
- b. *“... therefore...”* - identified with Christ (3-5), freed from sin (5-7), eternal life now (8-11)
- c. *“in your mortal body”* – Life now, before glory, sin being present.
 - i. Our bodies will die. They have not yet been redeemed/glorified - Rom 8:23
 - ii. Sin will reign as the tyrannical king of our members if we let it.
- d. Let not ~*def.* Do not permit/allow. This speaks to a choice of your mind.
 - i. Belief is of the will of God, but now there is something you must will.
- e. *“let not sin reign”* – This speaks of sin’s rule/dominion over you – not your sinful actions
 - i. Sin did reign over you, when you were in Adam unto death - Rom 5:14, 17, 21
 - ii. Now, Christ is your head, you are dead, you are alive unto God – Rom 6:3-11
 - iii. The problem: people like sin too much; they don’t want to rid themselves of it.
- f. *“that ye should obey it”* – You are not required to serve sin – Rom 6:6-7, 11
 - i. In our mortal bodies, there is a conflict between flesh (old man) and spirit.
 - ii. Disobey sin! Willfully revolt as a righteous rebellion of tyrants and evil rulers.
- g. *“in the lusts thereof”* - sinful desires in your members <-- how sin will assume control.
 - i. If you’re dead to sin, how can sin reign? You yielding your mortal members to it.
 - ii. Refuse to make provision for sin, live by God’s grace - Rom 13:14, 1 Th 5:22

2. 6:13 – Your Members

- a. v12 spoke to submission of the mind, v13 speaks to surrendering the use
- b. *“Neither yield”* – This is never surrender! Sin is always at war with your new man.
 - i. Our peace is with God, not the old man of sin. We have victory now -1Cor 15:57
 - ii. Sin may win an attack, but it has lost the war. Sin is not knowing you’ve lost.
- c. *“your members”* – the parts of your body, that make it function/use/act – Matt 5:30
 - i. Bultema – Yielding is key to spiritual joy, strength, service, fruit of the believer
 - ii. Your members are not sin’s, they are yours, ye are God’s – 1 Cor 6:15, 19-20
 - 1. You are in Christ: his body is made yours – Rom 6:1-3
 - 2. Christ is in you: your members are now his – Rom 6:11-13
 - 3. This is a great mystery in your joint-life w/Christ - Col 1:27, Eph 5:30-32
- d. *“instruments of unrighteousness...”* – How they were used when you were dead in sin.
 - i. In the darkness and ignorance and blindness: 1st mind, 2nd works - Eph 4:17-19
 - ii. *“ye have not so learned Christ”* - Eph 4:20-23
 - iii. Behaving follows believing – Eph 4:24-32, Phi 4:8-9
 - iv. *“instruments of righteousness”* – How they are commissioned now dead to sin.
- e. *“unto sin... unto God”* - Old man yields to sin; New man yields to God.
 - i. This is not an offering or sacrifice, but ownership, a claim of rights, what is due.
 - ii. Mortify your members which are upon the earth – Col 3:5-10

3. 6:14 – Ye Are Under Grace

- a. Rom 5:21 is finished. Not something that needs to be repeated by going back to law.
- b. The answer to 6:1 – you are dead to sin, sin has no dominion, you are under grace.
- c. *“sin shall not have dominion over you”* - Death has no more (v9), sin has no more (v14)
 - i. Dominion ~*def.* authority, power to govern, control, and direct the use; to rule.
 - ii. We are more than conquerors through Christ – Rom 8:37
- d. *“not under the law”* – The strength of sin is the law, but... – 1 Cor 15:56, Rom 5:20
 - i. Most of the Bible under law (Moses, OT, prophets, Jesus, Peter Acts 15:10)
 - ii. The law is an earthly system of governance given to Israel – Rom 3:19-20
 - iii. Who could not be under the law of sin and death? Someone alive from the dead
 - iv. Being in the risen Christ frees us from its curse – Gal 3:13, Rom 6:3
- e. *“but under grace”* - The most excellent truth of this dispensation – Eph 3:1
 - i. Grace reigns now through Jesus Christ our Lord – Rom 5:21
 - ii. This is what makes it a high calling, a glorious gospel, and the unspeakable gift.
 - iii. OT is law without power to obey; NT is law with power of Holy Ghost
 - iv. Now, you are under grace, not law – Gal 3:24-25
 - v. There is no way to make grace ‘more abound’ than it already has.

Under Law

Behavior affects relationship to God
 Written on tables
 External to you
 Christ is king
 Members of a covenant
 Obey first, then blessing
 Heavenly promise
 Children of God
 Bondage
 Generates guilt to sinners
 You must do
 It separates from God
 Condemnation
 Leaves all without hope
 Shows what you lack
 Knowledge of sin
 Must stop sin
 Strength of sin
 You must overcome
 Rise up
 Can only help the holy, just, good
 Requires a new covenant
 Need help to do
 Works wrath
 Death has dominion
 Sin reigns

Under Grace

Relationship settles, complete
 Believed in the heart
 Spirit dwells in you, Christ in you
 Christ is Head
 Members of Christ
 Blessing first, then fruit
 Position in heaven
 No longer children
 Liberty
 Saves sinners
 It is done, You must believe
 Reconciles to God
 Justification
 Salvation to all
 Shows God’s abundance
 Atones for sin
 Forgives sin
 Destroyer of sin
 Christ is the victory
 Raised up
 Saves ungodly sinners
 Requires a new creature
 Thank God it’s done
 Commends God’s love
 The power of eternal life
 Righteousness reigns by faith