

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
How Then Shall We Live?
Romans 6

Last time...one of the VERY important chapters in all of Scripture:

- By One, much more!
 - By one, sin and death entered into the world,
by One, grace and salvation came into the world
 - By one, came judgment unto condemnation,
by One, came the gift of righteousness unto justification
 - By one, death reigned,
by One, Life reigns
 - By one, all were made sinners,
by One, those who believe are made righteous
- God's grace (His nature) is overwhelmingly greater than my sin (my nature)
- My overflow of sin is overflowed by the grace of God
- I made myself dirty, God made me clean
- God has not responded in kind to my offenses against Him (returning evil for evil);
He has responded to me by His nature, returning good for evil –
His love (v8) and His grace (v20)
- God's amazing love and grace is what I was searching for and draws me close
 - into a right relationship (event: salvation)
 - into surrender of my will (process: sanctification)

This time...what is the relationship/connection/association between sin and grace,
and how then shall we live (asked by 2 questions)?

Rom 6:1

Rom 6:15

v1 The 1st “instructional question”

Moving forward from God's overwhelming grace that overflows our sin,
how shall we live?

In my life, what is the relationship/connection/association between sin and grace?

Shall I continue/remain in sin so God's grace will increase?

If I want more of God's grace should I sin more?

If I sin more, God's grace will increase more...so if I sin less will God's grace
decrease, right?

v2 God forbid!

10 times in Romans the Author asks a question based on human reasoning
after He teaches sound doctrine and then answers with...God forbid!!!

“What kind of warped, twisted, foolish thinking/reasoning is that?!”

A: Self-serving

We, Jesus-kind (right-being), are

- dead to sin...separated from sin
- reconciled unto God by the death of His Son for our sins
- redeemed/purchased and justified by the blood of Jesus Christ
- born-again by the Spirit of God
- re-created, made a new creature in Christ
- given the power to become a child of God
- given the love, grace, and justification by God unto salvation
- made the righteousness of God in Christ

God's grace overflowed my sin

How does a person the Maker made to be a Jesus-kind (right-being) continue to live in
sin (wrong doing)?

As changed creatures, we have the power of God to live changed lives that starts
with saying “No” to sin

v3-4 Are you ignorant of this, that by being baptized into Jesus Christ, we are baptized into
His death?

Baptism by immersion in water, an environment of death for people
Baptism into the Body of Christ

Water baptism: a ceremonial act of obedience signifying the

- joining/connecting the Body of Christ to the Head of the Body in
His death
- joining/connecting the Body of Christ to the Head of the Body in
His resurrection

Therefore, since we Jesus-kind (“in Christ”) are buried with Him in death,
we are, in the same manner (“in Christ”), raised from the dead,
resurrected by the God Who makes alive that which was dead

So it only follows logically that we should live in
that renewed life (result of being born-again) and
not the old death (result of being born)

v5 For...because
if we, the Body, have been planted together...united/connected to Him...
in the likeness of His death,
we shall...a promise of God
also be united/connected to Him in the likeness of His resurrection

As Jesus said,

John 12:24-25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

As the Holy Spirit has taught us,

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

We are united to Jesus...in His death and resurrection

v6-7 Knowing this...knowing absolutely, unequivocally
our old man...man-kind, dead-in-sin, wrong-being, the body of sin and death
is crucified with Jesus so that body of sin might be destroyed/banished/abolished
so that henceforth...from now on as we move forward in our appointed number of days
we would not be a slave to sin

Man-kind is a slave to sin

Sin is man-kind's cruel taskmaster

Man-kind is not a master, man-kind is a slave

But Jesus-kind

- dead to sin, separated from sin (v2)
- buried by baptism into Jesus' death (v4)
- planted together in the likeness of Jesus' death and resurrection (v5)
- the old man crucified with Jesus (v6)

is NOT a slave to sin but has been set free from sin

John 8:31-32, 36

Rom 5:18-19

The old man is crucified and buried...forever

The new man is resurrected, raised unto life...forever

The body of sin serves...is a slave to...sin

The Body of Christ serves...is a willing bondservant to...Christ

What is the relationship/connection/association between sin and grace?
God's grace gives us liberation from sin, NOT a license to sin

v8-11 Since we ("in Christ") are dead with Christ...Who bore our sins
we ("in Christ") will also live with Christ...Who breathed His Life into us

We will "survive death" as Jesus "survived death"

Jesus died to sin once...not in every Mass in every RCC church every day
Christ was raised from the dead, conquering death
He defeated death and thru death destroyed the devil who had the power of death
Therefore, Christ dies no more (i.e. just the once and not ever again) and death
had no dominion over Him...death does not rule over Jesus but
Jesus now rules over death

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death:
because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Rev 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for
evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

We Jesus-kind, are dead to sin

The Body is as the Head of the Body (Col 1:18, Eph 5:23)

Death has no dominion over us

The Body is as the Head of the Body

We are alive unto God forever

The Body is as the Head of the Body

v12-13 How should we live henceforth?
As the Body of Christ, alive unto God
Not as the body of sin that is banished

Love/obey the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Body

Do not love/obey the body of sin with its insatiable lusts and discontentment

1 Cor 9:27a I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection
(I am not ruled by my body, I rule over my body)

Now as Jesus-kind in right-being, we are

- to not yield/submit/give over any part of our body to Self as instruments of unrighteousness (sin, un-Christ-likeness, wrong-doing)...
as those who are dead in sin
- to yield/submit/give over every part of our body to God, Who purchased it with His blood, as instruments of righteousness (Christ-likeness)...
as those who are alive and set free from sin

v14 Because sin shall not...a promise of God
have dominion over us...just as death no longer rules over us “in Christ” (v9)

The cruel reign of sin over us has ended, the chains have been broken!

Because we are not ruled by the Law but by grace (Rom 5:19-21)

Matt 5:17

Rom 10:4

And by grace, we have access to the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit,
the Seed of God in us, to say “No” to sin when it comes knocking

Which leads to the 2nd “instructional question” of “How then shall we live?”
regarding relationship/connection/association between sin and grace

v15-16 How then shall we live?

Since we are not under the Law but under grace, shall we (continue to) sin?

God forbid!

“What kind of warped, twisted, foolish thinking/reasoning is that?!”

Can you not perceive that you are a servant to whom you yield/submit/obey?

Either sin unto death

Or God unto righteousness/eternal life

We are always servants and never masters

We serve sin or we serve the Lord

We cannot serve both...we cannot have our cake and eat it too

We cannot please Self and the Lord at the same time

Matt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (or Molech)

But we know what is coming in the next chapter...Rom 7:15-19

And we have been taught of the conflict raging inside each of us

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

What is the answer to this

- unending-on-this-side-of-eternity struggle?
- maddening conundrum?

Daily submission to the will and work of the Lord God in our lives

Gal 5:16 Walk in the Spirit (The Holy Spirit, our Helper, the Spirit of Grace, the Seed of God), and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Phil 1:6 by the God who sees

- Jesus in us who are “in Christ”
- the end and the beginning (of sanctification) at once

1 Cor 15:31 ...I die daily

v17-19 God be thanked/gracious because we were (past tense)

- servants of sin
- children of disobedience
- children of wrath

1 Cor 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

But now, having obeyed/believed in the very core of our being the doctrine of God...

- The Gospel of Christ
- The Gospel of Grace
- The righteousness of God which is by faith

we are servants of righteousness

Jesus made us free from sin

By His work, His merit, His righteousness, He is our way of escape
He broke the chains of sin and liberated us

Jesus made us new...new creatures, new kind of servants – servants of righteousness

John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

So we are not to serve sin/unrighteousness, but to serve righteousness/Jesus
As sinners, we intensely and passionately served sin, being servants of
uncleanness
As saints, let us serve Jesus Christ as intensely and passionately, as servants of
righteousness!

We embraced wickedness
Let us embrace holiness!

May we be as good a saint as we were a sinner!

v20-22 When we were sinners, we were free from...exempt from...righteousness
And we did things that we now, in right-being and in our right mind,
are ashamed of and think are shameful
We served Self and the insatiable lusts within our wicked hearts,
deceived and thinking we were free
All those things are on the broad way that leads to destruction...
but we don't walk/live there anymore

Because now we have been liberated from...made exempt from...sin
Now, on the narrow way that leads to everlasting life, we serve the Living God
Who has created a clean heart and renewed a right spirit within us
Abiding in the True Vine, we bear fruit pleasing to the Father

Gal 5:16-25

v23 Bottom line:
The wages of sin is death...separation (Is 59:2)
The gift of God is eternal life thru "en"/in Jesus Christ our Lord...reconciliation

What is the relationship/connection/association between sin and grace in our lives?

a. Separation

Sin is separation from God...death
Grace separates whosoever will believe from sin and death
Grace was not given so sin would increase
Grace was given for separation from sin,
NOT the inclusion of more sin!

b. Reconciliation

Grace is reconciliation to God
Made right-being, holy, separate
Right relationship restored

Application/Exhortation

How then shall we live?

a. Holy

1 Peter 1:13-16

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Rom 12:1-2

b. Being purified by submission to the Spirit of Christ our Lord/Master

1 John 3:1-3

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

We are servants of Life, no longer servants of death

The Oklahoma Legislature passed a bill protecting the lives of the unborn...from conception
The White House exploded in rage

The Supreme Court may render its ruling tomorrow on Roe v Wade

There is conflict within the Lord's army – ignorance of and deception by Molech

Matt 24:4-8

Beginning of Sorrows before the King of kings returns to earth to judge the inhabitants of the earth
Deception, famines (shortages), race relations, etc

2 Tim 3:1-9

Perilous times

[Religious backers of abortion]

[Evangelical Lutheran Church]

On the one side: deception of Molech

On the other side: un-Christlikeness, bad witnesses of God's love and grace

The believer is freed from sin, not freed to sin (killing babies is sin!)

We have been given stewardship of what God has given us – life

We are not free to do as we please, to do what is right in our own eyes

We are not our own (1 Cor 6:19)!

Legal restriction against murder is NOT slavery

“Neighbors” are not allowed to kill each other!

Molech has twisted the truth of Margaret Sanger's worldview into a lie of slavery

The lie is believed...which leads right into Margaret Sanger's worldview!

Molech has sown widespread confusion in “Christianity”

Even believers are deceived

May we with love and grace minister to the deceived