

Chap 6:1-14



ROMANS

GOSPEL~ROOTED LIVING



Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- Indictment of all mankind – all have sinned
- Law reveals, defines, increases – faith saves
- Faith: to take God at His word and obey
- Past secures the future & guides our present
- Choose to be connected to Christ now

Romans 5:20-21

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that... grace might reign...to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Paul's conclusion opens him up to critique

Paul employs diatribe – questioning attack

- 6:1-14 & 6:15-23 – “*What then...*”
- Indicative / imperative construction
 - Indicative – statement of truth
 - Imperative – command
- “Do this & don’t do that” versus “faith”?

Romans 6:1-2

“What a ghastly thought!”

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

- Justified persons no longer live a life of sin
 - Do we sin? Yes, but selfishness no longer dominates how we make decisions

Romans 6:3

Paul's indicative

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

- What baptism are we talking about?
 - 1 Cor 12:13 & Eph 1:13-14

Romans 6:4

Paul answers his question

⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

- Death & burial linked to resurrection & life

Romans 6:5

Supporting parallelism

55 For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like His.

- If united in death, then also in resurrection
- Indicative / imperative logic
- πίστις (pistis) – “believe” / “faith”

Romans 6:6-7 Death connection amplified

6 We know our old self was crucified...so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

- Based upon the fact we died, we “know”
 - Paul will use an illustration in chap 7

Romans 6:8

Life connection amplified

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him.

- Paul is transitioning to application
 - If we “know” we have died, we “believe”
 - Is this *future* belief or *present* belief?

Romans 6:9-10

Support of v8

⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

- (v8) We died w/Him, so we will live w/Him

Romans 6:11

Paul's imperative

***11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

- Changes to the present imperative plural
 - Reckon / consider / meditate on
 - Keep on reminding yourself – Rom 12:2

Romans 6:12

***12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.*

- Based on the fact you are dead to sin and alive to God...act in accordingly – “believe”

Romans 6:13

13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God ...and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

- Completely dedicate yourself – Rom 12:1

Romans 6:14

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

- Why? Dead to sin (v 11)
 - No longer related to Adam (chap 7)
- How? Alive to God (v 11)
 - Power of the Holy Spirit (chap 8)

Summary

- Shall we go on sinning? No!
 - We were baptized into His death
 - We will be raised as He was into life
 - We are no longer under Sin and Death
 - We are under Life and Righteousness
- Believing that, live

The Gospel

Know, believe, reckon!

Sin is not your master



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“Died to sin”

- Legal – no longer related to sin
- Baptismal – affirm what God has done
- Moral – daily die to self / the flesh
- Eschatological – no longer in the presence

Water baptism is individual and corporate

- Baptized's perspective:
 - Sign of the outward ratification of the human decision of faith – “I am His”
- Church's perspective:
 - Sign God has applied the benefit of Christ's work to the individual – “S/He is one of us”

Water baptism in Paul's time

- No such thing of an unbaptized believer
- No such thing as a baptized unbeliever
 - Invited persecution and condemnation
- Baptism is a demarcation btwn someone who is a believer and someone who is not
 - How you & we know who is in the church