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## Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 20-23

### LESSON: RAISED TO NEW LIFE — July 31, 2016

#### SYNOPSIS:

**Chapter 5:1-11** Now since we are actually justified as a result of faith, we can now have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, we turn around and also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation will work patience. Trials stir patience, and patience stirs experience, and experience stirs hope. We also find out that hope does not make us ashamed. His love shed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit sees to that. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us, the ungodly, at the appropriate time. A righteous man would hardly die for a good man, but that wasn't what God did for us. He showed and demonstrated His love toward the ungodly; we being weak and worthless. His Son Jesus Christ still died for us. Not only by dying for us, He justified us by His blood, and He saved us from the wrath of God. Now, if we were enemies of God, we were reconciled to Him by the death of His Son. Also we were saved by His life. Not only that, we have reason to boast and have joy in God because we have received the atonement, reconciliation through Jesus Christ. He is the way back to God making us friends.

**Chapter 5:12-21** By one man sin entered into the entire human race, and death was passed upon all men in the world and because of sin, all had sinned (5:12). Before the law was given by Moses, sin had accomplished itself in the world: but sin was not charged against a man where no law existed (5:13). And yet we see death reigning in the world from Adam's time to the time of Moses, even over those who had not sinned as the likeness or similarity of Adam's transgression, who is a type of (Christ) that was to come (5:14). For if by one man's offense (Adam) death came upon many much more did the grace of God, and the free gift, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, overflowed far more richly upon the many (5:15). The result of God's gift is different from the result of Adam's sin. Judgement followed that first sin. And the result was punishment, but, God's gift came after many sins, and He made people righteous— He justified them (5:16). If death reigned by one man's (Adam's) offense; far more shall life reign in those who receive the overflowing fullness of grace and the gift of righteousness by one, Jesus Christ (5:17). Therefore, as the fruit of one offence reached to all men and brought condemnation upon them; even so by the righteousness of one, there is for all men a justified life (5:18). For as through the disobedience of one man, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man shall many be made righteous (5:19). And the law was added, so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound (5:20). The very moment that sin hath reigned and brought death, even so grace would reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (5:21).

#### LESSON: I. BELIEVERS ARE DEAD TO SIN Romans 6:1-4

**6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?— Paul moves from demonstrating the doctrine of justification, which is God declaring the believing sinner righteous, to demonstrating



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the practical consequences of salvation on those who have been justified. It has already been concluded that Christ died for us while we were enemies of His'. God still reconciled (covered and restored) us by the death of His Son, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:20 tells us that the law was added, so that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Paul now asks the question: "*What then, shall we just continue in sin, that grace may abound?*" The word "*continue*" means to practice or to habitually yield to sin. In other words, they question grace. Does the grace of God give a person a free reign to sin, that grace may flourish? Can a person just go ahead and do what he wants expecting God to forgive him? <sup>1</sup>God's grace increased because sin increased. So, some people were suggesting that they were giving God honour by continuing in sin. They were providing God with the opportunity to show more of His grace. They argued that if forgiveness is by grace, then is sin not a good thing? It seemed that:

- Grace gave them free reign to sin, and put no restraint upon sin.
- Grace encouraged sin.

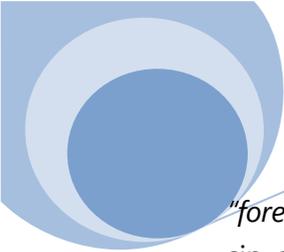
No doubt Paul was asked these questions time and time again by the legalists who hounded and fought against him and just did not understand the wonderful grace of God. And no doubt, thought that God would be given the opportunity to be glorified if they continued to practice sin. God's grace does not bring a man to God so that he can be free to sin more. God's grace brings a man to God so that he can be free from sin and its guilt and judgment. Grace does not give license to sin any more than a dead man is able to move about and sin.

**6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**— Paul strongly stated: God forbid! Paul's answer is the answer of righteous indignation. Away with such a thought! Far be it that we ever think such things as believers. A true believer no longer practices sin and no longer yields to sin. We know that sin used to control our lives; we who have **died** to sin, for our sinful lives ended when we became Christians. You died to sin when you were united with Christ in His death. Of course, we will still feel like doing wrong things, because sin is present in the world, and sometimes we will, but we no longer live in sin; we are no longer slaves to our sinful nature. We can now choose to live for Christ! We are like a dead man. It is utterly impossible for a dead man to live any longer in sin. A dead man cannot do anything, he cannot eat, drink, or move. So, positionally, the true believer has died to self and has been placed into Christ to live for Him. He now possesses the divine nature, God's very own nature (2Pt.1:4), which makes it utterly impossible for a dead man to live any longer in sin. He is placed and positioned in Christ which means he is dead to self and alive to God. The point is that when a man turns to God, he turns away from sin. Now, how dare that one can think that he can go ahead and sin because God will forgive him anyway?—God forbid! Let's go a step further:

1. <sup>2</sup>It won't work. The old clothes just don't fit anymore. You'll sin, but you won't receive any personal satisfaction.
2. God will stop you. He may judge you. He may discipline you. He will certainly arrange the circumstances so that your sin turns out to your own disadvantage. If you persist, he may even *allow your life to be taken* prematurely (cf. I Corinthians 11:29-30; Hebrews 10:26-31; I John 5:16-17).
3. If you persist in sin forever, it demonstrates that you were never truly saved. The operative word is

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.keepbelieving.com/sermon/free-at-last/>  
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"forever." A true child of God may stay in sin for a long time, even for many years. But if you choose to sin, and never feel the call of God to repentance, and never feel the tug of the Holy Spirit bringing you back to God, your long-term spiritual indifference indicates in all likelihood that you were never saved in the first place.

## **6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?—**

Paul provides four reasons why we should not continue in sin"

### **1. WE WERE BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST (3-4).**

To show the immaturity of those who would continue in sin after justification so that grace may abound, Paul introduces the subject of baptism. The question: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into union with Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? **This is the first thing the believer should know**—know your position in Christ. Baptism is the picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. "*Baptism into Christ*" means to be incorporated into Him, to become a member of His body (1 Corth.12:13) and share with Him those experiences (i.e. His crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection), although were in the past His, are now ours— his death is our death; His burial is our burial; and His resurrection is our resurrection all completed by the Holy Spirit!

**The truth is:** the baptized person, who genuinely believes, repents, obeys, and confesses is the person who is placed into the death of Christ. Christ is the One who saves. And He saves the person who believes, not the person who is baptized. However, the person who truly believes, **does** repent and he **does** turn from his old life to follow Christ. He does what Christ says, and the first commandment is to follow Him in baptism. Baptism is the very first act; the very first proof that a person believes and repents. "*Baptized into his death*" is demonstrated by going down into the water which represents dying/death to the old life.

**6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:**— The key words: "*we were*" meaning it already happened when we became a true believer. Then, when a true believer is immersed into death, he is proclaiming to the world that he is being identified with Christ. Remember, going down was dying/death, so, going under the water represents burial; and coming out of the water represents resurrection and a newness of life. By doing this, our old man (which is self) becomes crucified, and we become buried with Him by baptism into death— death to our old man. We are now identified with Christ and joined to Him.

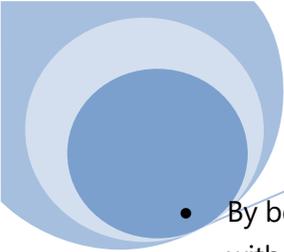
- By being placed or immersed under the water, we proclaim that we have died and been buried with Christ.

**6:4b ...that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.** Reason 2 why we should not continue in sin.

### **2. WE CAN NOW WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE (4-5).**

The Father's glorious power raised Christ from death and it is by His might and power that He places and positions us in Christ. Because of the glory of the Father, we also should walk in the newness of life. The word "*walk*" means to control and order our behavior. When Christ died, He laid aside His old life and left it behind Him. Therefore, when He arose, He took on a totally new life, a changed life, a resurrected life. It is His new life, His changed and resurrected life that is given to us. The believer receives a new birth—receives a new heart— becomes a new creature—becomes a new man! God's very purpose for placing us in the resurrected life of Jesus Christ is that we might walk in Christ, walk soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

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- By being raised up from the water, we proclaim that we have been raised from the death to life; death with Christ to live a new life with Him.

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**6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.** Baptism teaches the necessity of dying to sin, and resurrection is the symbol of walking in a new life. We are joined to Christ in the likeness of His death and we are also joined to Him in the likeness of His resurrection. As Jesus was raised to a new life, so are we who believe. Now, by joining Him in His resurrected life, we have unbroken fellowship with God and freedom from sin.

**6:6-7 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth, we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.** Reason 3 why we should not continue in sin.

### 3. WE ARE NO LONGER SLAVES OF SIN (6-7).

The **second thing the believer should know**—know that your old man was crucified with Christ. Christ took our old man on the cross with Him when He died. That means that the body of sin might be destroyed and we should not serve sin any longer. The example would be a dead man is freed from sin.

**6:8-9 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.** Reason4 why we should not continue in sin.

### 4. WE CAN NOW LIVE WITH CHRIST (8-10).

The **third thing the believer should know**—know that death have no more power over you. Being dead with Christ, we believe we shall live with Christ now and forever with Him. We know that Christ will not die for He has been raised from the dead, and death's power has no dominion over Him.

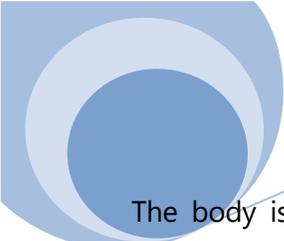
**6:10-11 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** Christ died once for all to end sin's power, but in that He lives forever in unbroken fellowship with God. So in the same way, we should consider or regard ourselves as dead to the appeal and power of sin, but alive and sensitive to the call of God.

## BACK TO THE LESSON

## II. BELIEVERS ARE INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS Romans 6:12-14

**6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.** Note: (1) Sin is an offense and a disease in Chapters 1-4. In Chapter 6 it is a master or a ruling power. (2) Sin is still active and can still injure. The believer is to fight against its pull. The believer must resist sin. He must not allow sin to reign, have authority, rule, control, etc over him. The idea is a continuous attitude and behavior with Christ. Do not obey the wrong desires of your body, which will die (the mortal; human; temporal body). (3)

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The body is not the source of sin, but the Bible says and man's experience proves that the body is the instrument of sin and corruption—so much that the sensual appetites of the body tend to enslave the soul and lead men to sin, even against his better judgment. We are to keep in mind of the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life will pull at us, but we are to resist.

**6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:**— The word "*yield*" means to offer, to put at the disposal of; to give; to turn over to. This means the believer is not to yield the members of his body to be instruments or tools of unrighteousness. If he was to do so, then he sins. The members of a person's body refer to all the parts of the body: the eyes, ears, mouth, tongue, hands, feet, mind, or any of the covered and dressed parts. This reminds me of when Paul talked about the evidence against mankind in Romans 3:10-18 concerning their character, mind, heart, speech, feet, and eyes for no one was righteous, no not one. The tense is present action, so the believer is to be constantly on guard against allowing any member of his body to be yielded to sin. Also the word yield has the idea of struggling. It is a struggle to fight against sin and to control and protect the members of one's body.

**6:13b ...but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.**

1. The believer is to yield unto God, as those that are alive from the dead. This means as a believer the presentation of his life to God is to be sincere and genuine, making a one-time decision for God, and a once-for-all dedication of his life to God.
2. The believer is to yield the members of his body as instruments of righteousness unto God. This means to turn your members of your body over to God. All the parts we've just talked about. Every part of the body is to be given over as an instrument or tool to do righteousness; for the purpose of working righteousness.

<sup>3</sup>These verses show how Christians must behave in their new resurrection life. Their whole attitude to sin must change. Every part of the body can sin. With our eyes, we can look at wrong things. With our ears, we can listen to bad talk. Our mouth can say things that can hurt other people's minds. Our hands can work in bad ways. Our feet can take us to places that we should avoid. We should not use our bodies as tools to serve sin. Instead, Christians should use their bodies to serve God. They should do what God wants. They should go where God wants them to go.

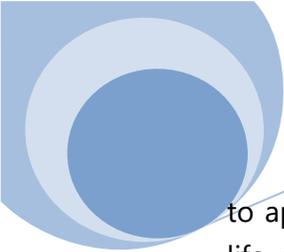
**6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

Therefore sin should not be a Christian's master. The law orders us to obey God, but God's grace gives us the desire and power to obey Him. Sin shall not have dominion for the strong reason of Grace.

1. The person under law is always struggling to keep the law, yet he is constantly aware that he fails and comes short of the law. When he fails, he goes through periods of self-accusation, of reproaching, and censoring himself for having failed. He accuses and downs himself, feeling unworthy and undeserving, wretched and vile before God. He is feeling unacceptable to God as though he no longer has the right

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to approach God; and he often does not approach God for long periods of time, living a defeated life, always bearing the burden of his sin and failure.

2. The person under grace does not have God hovering over them to punish him every time he sins; makes a mistake, or break a particular law.
  - a. This means that the believer accepts the grace of God demonstrated in Jesus Christ. That is, the believer accepts the righteousness, the sinless perfection of Christ as his own righteousness. The believer identifies his life with Christ, and God takes the believer's acceptance of Christ and counts his acceptance as righteousness. This is the position of grace! Well, how can the believer honestly live under grace day by day? How can he live under God's favor all of the time? How can he go about pleasing God and receiving His approval and acceptance?
  - b. The genuine believer must constantly keep before his face the glorious truth: he's under God's grace. Keeping an open relationship with the Father—repenting and asking for forgiveness of sin—going to the Word of God and replacing any urges that tempt you; covering yourself with His blood and His Word. Therefore, sin does not dominate nor rule the believer, but he's under grace, for God is always approachable through Christ. God is a gracious and loving Father. He cares and suffers long with growing children. Therefore, when His child falls into sin, God is long-suffering, ever willing to forgive his erring children if they will only come and ask forgiveness and turn from his sin. "*His mercy endureth forever.*"

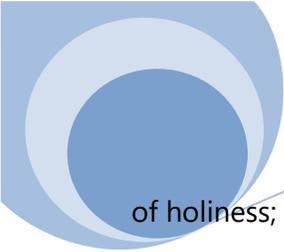
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### III. BELIEVERS ARE SERVANTS OF GOD Romans 6:20-23

**6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.** Before believing in Christ, the believer was not counted righteous. Therefore, the believer never had the opportunity to work righteousness before he was justified. The believer was not counted righteous, not by God. God never credits a person with righteousness unless the person honors His Son by believing in His Son's glorious name. Only those who believe are counted righteous. Therefore, when you served sin, you were free from righteousness; you were not credited with righteousness. You did not have the opportunity to live righteously before God. But, now you have obeyed God and you have believed, and now have the opportunity to live righteously.

**6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.** This is talking about your past sin before righteousness. There was no fruit in it because it led to death. This reminds me of the shame Adam felt after eating of the fruit, then hearing God's voice in the garden and being afraid because he was naked. The fruit of sin is death. Sin corrupts, destroys, and dooms all who seek its fruits.

**6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.** Believers are made free from sin. They have become servants (slaves) to God. You will either be a slave to sin or a slave to God. The benefit of being a slave to God is that we bear the fruit



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of holiness; live a holy life through the glorious love of God. And the end result is everlasting life.

**6:23 For the wages of sin is death;**— As a laborer receives his wages, so sin shall receive its wages. Just as it would be unjust not to pay the laborer, it would be unjust not to pay sin for its work. Sin deserves death for two reasons;

1. Sin acts and strikes out against God—His very nature; tempting to tear it down.
2. Sin is rebellious against God. It rejects, ignores, disobeys, denies, and refuses to live for God.

Since sin is so rebellious against God, it deserves to die; to be banished from God's sight.

**6:23b ...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.** A man cannot work for and earn eternal life. It is the gift of God and it is only through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## SUMMARY:

Sin was already abounding, so Paul asks the question do you want to continue in sin that grace will abound? He answers God forbid. We are no longer slaves to our sinful nature. How can this be if you're dead to sin? Many of us that were baptized into Jesus Christ came into union with Him and were baptized into His death. By doing this, the old man (which is self) becomes crucified, and the old man is buried with Him by baptism into His death. As the Father raised Christ from the dead by His powerful glory, which lets us know that we also should walk in the newness of life (**6:1-4**).

Paul says don't allow sin to rule; don't let it dominate your mortal body to sinful desires. Neither yield the parts of your body as tools of unrighteousness to sin. But we are to yield ourselves to God as those who though once dead, now have life. The various parts of your bodies are used as tools of righteousness unto God. Sin shall not have dominion for we are not under law for the strong reason of Grace (**6:12-14**).

When you served sin, you weren't free to serve righteousness. There were no fruits reaped from the things which you are now ashamed, for they end in death. But now being made free from the bondage of sin, you have become enslaved to the service of God. The benefit is that we bear the fruit of holiness and the end everlasting life. There are wages for sin, and it is death, but eternal life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord (**6:20-23**).