

ROMANS 6:1-12

Introduction:

1. Chapter 6 deals with how we are to live as believers and to show the victory we have received over the dominion of sin by God's grace - where Christ has overcome death by sin.
2. Romans Chapters 1-5 showed us how God has saved us from the penalty of sin - that is our justification.
*In Romans Chapters 6-7, we see God is saving us from the power of sin - that is our sanctification.
*In Romans Chapter 8, we see God will save us from the presence of sin when our salvation is complete - that is our glorification.
3. Paul starts off Chapter 6 with three questions in verses 1 to 3. He asks two more questions in verses 15 & 16 about the believer being under grace and do we have a license to sin anytime we want to sin?
4. The emphasis in Chapter 6 is not upon doing, but upon knowing how we are to live godly lives. There are 3 key words in this Chapter 6: Know, Reckon, and Yield.
 - a. Know - we must know the facts (Christ's D.B.R.)
 - b. Reckon - to count on these facts and consider them true.
 - c. Yield - to yield, or present, our bodies as instruments of righteousness unto God.
1. Paul says, because we now have this abundant amount of grace, is it alright to continue to sin in our lives? God forbid!

Romans 6:1 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

*The natural man thinks that if God accepts the ungodly, then what is the point of godly living? But to the spiritual man, we know the real meaning of the grace given to us and it does not give us the license to sin.

2. Those of us (the believers), who know the grace of God in truth, will never use it as a license to sin.

Titus 2:11-12 - For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

1. Paul's first answer is "God forbid", which means absolutely not! We see Paul's emotions revealed here in that we cannot continue in sin because we have died to sin (it has already happened). This is showing past

Romans 6:2 - God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

tense.

- a. When Christ died to sin - He died as our representative - as our substitute Who took our place. When He died, we died. That settles the question that we have died to sin.
- b. This does not mean that the believer is sinless, but it means the believer is identified with Christ in His D.B.R. It shows their position in standing in Christ.

2. The lost person is dead unto God and so he lives unto sin. The saved person is dead unto sin and is living unto God - Who owns us now.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1Cor. 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

3. Our death to sin took place the moment we were saved and ended sin's dominion of controlling us. Now grace controls our practice and we are being more and more conformed to His image, until we see Him in the heavenlies one day.

Romans 5:21 - That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Here Paul uses the first key word - "Know", and introduces the subject of baptism. It is here that we have to determine which baptism Paul is referring to. In the Bible, there are at least 7 baptisms mentioned in

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

God's Word.

2. Most of Christendom will take this verse and try to make it a "water baptism" instead of a "Spirit baptism". This is where you have to rightly divide God's Word of truth.

- a. This is what happens to every true believer in Christ - that we are baptized into Jesus Christ into His death.

Galatians 3:27-28 - For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

- b. This is about real baptism and not ritual baptism. This real baptism takes place when a person is saved and it is a work that only God the Spirit can perform. The result of this Spirit baptism is that the believer is placed "into" Christ.

I Corinthians 12:13 - For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

3. Pastor Jim said this: "If Romans 6 would be water baptism, that would be saying a physical substance (water being a work) would be placing you into spiritual Christ! That is impossible, because that would make Romans 6 speaking of baptismal regeneration and that is heresy, because any human work would remove grace!"

4. Believers today are baptized into Christ by being one in Christ.

Colossians 2:12 - Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

*This verse says nothing about water and it has nothing to do with your salvation.

*Christ has done it all for our salvation, and to be Spirit baptized into Christ identifies us with Christ. Christ's D.B.R. and His ascension are ours by faith.

Romans 6:4-5 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: 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. Rom. 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:

1. God says, with Christ we died to sin. Even though we did not feel that happen, God says it is true.
 *At times, we do not feel like we are saved and we question ourselves. But, God's Word says we always are saved.
2. When Christ died, He ended His relationship with sin at the cross. We died with Him, we were buried with Him, and we will be resurrected with Him one day.
 *Last part of verse 4 - "that like as Christ was raised up ... walk in newness of life". This is repeated again in verse 5 - "we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:"
3. Again, our walk - behavior - our conduct and lifestyle should correspond with our position in Christ. Leaving the old life to live in our new life.
II Corinthians 4:10 - Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
4. Verse 5 mentions "we have been planted together". This is being united in Christ and to show the fruit that you will produce to be conformed to the image of Christ's life.
5. We understand that "water baptism" was not part of the gospel that Paul preached. That then shows, it is going to be impossible for water baptism to put one into union with Jesus Christ.
1. There is that key word, "Knowing", to know the facts. What happened to us when we believed in Christ's

Romans 6:6 - 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.

D.B.R. - taking the natural man out of that position and putting on the new man.

2. The old man refers to all that we are in Adam - that old life. We have a fallen and evil nature, born of flesh and deceitful lusts, being absent from the life of God.
Ephesians 4:22 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
3. The new man is all I am in Christ - a new life. We have been redeemed and we are a new creature. Born of God with a new birth and living a more holy godly life that did not exist before, but does now.
4. That "body of sin" mentioned refers to our unredeemed body, which sin uses as its instrument. Being unredeemed at this time, it is still subject to decay, corruption, disease, and death.

Romans 7:17 - Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

*But one day, we will receive the redemption of our body and we will no longer be a slave to sin.

Romans 6:18, 22 - Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Rom. 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.

Romans 6:7 - For he that is dead is freed from sin.

1. To be free from the mastery of sin means that since we have now been saved, we are no longer a slave to that old slave master. (We are dead to sin, but sin is not dead to us.)
2. If we walk in our old pattern of sin, we then choose to do that. But remember what Christ said in Luke 16:13 - "*No servant 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.*"
1. The principles set forth in these verses show we are dead with Christ. This is our positional truth and it

Romans 6:8-10 - Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Rom. 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Rom. 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

does not have any more claim or authority over us.

2. The principle is that you have been made free and that spiritual baptism has made you free.
3. In verse 9, "Knowing that" (past tense) - what Christ has done for you. Then are you relying on your feelings and your sin nature to influence you, or by faith are you no longer a slave to sin?
4. Sin promoted His death. But His one and only death paid the penalty for the sin of all men forever. Jesus Christ finished the work and settled the account so perfectly that it never needs to be repeated.
5. Christ died to sin, so that we might live to God. His death has broken the power of sin and His resurrection provides the ability of living to God.
1. Here, Paul uses the second key work, "reckon", which means to count these facts (Christ's D.B.R.) as true. To regard these facts and believe them and to take into account.

Romans 6:11 - Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. We reckon ourselves dead to sin, when we respond to temptation as a dead man would. The dead man has nothing to do with lying, immorality, cheating, or any other sin!

*But now, we are made alive to God in Christ Jesus. This means we are called to holiness, worship, prayer, and fruit bearing.
3. The sin that had claim upon us has been cancelled at the cross and we are now joined to our living Savior.
1. Paul, in this verse, says our body is the Lord's temple of the Holy Spirit and it is not to be used as a sin vehicle.

Romans 6:12 - Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

I Corinthians 6:19 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2. Having our position now in Christ and having total victory over sin, the Apostle Paul wants us to live and walk in faith by grace.

*We are to begin building up our practice by being consistent in studying God's Word dispensationally (to understand it better), having prayer time and having an involved-interaction with other believers - particularly those in your local church.

3. If a believer permits sin to rule in their body, the consequences of that will lead them to obeying their flesh. This is why it is so important for you, as a believer, to run with believers who know the principle of being "dead to sin and alive to God".

****Next Week:** We will see our deliverance from the dominion of sin.