

The Christian's Victory over Willful Sin!

Romans 6:1-10

Review of Romans Ch. 1-5

In **Romans 1:16** we learned that the **cure for the sin problem** is found in the gospel (good news) about Jesus Christ:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

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After announcing the cure is available to every sinner, Paul explains **the reason why sinners need this cure in Romans 1:18-3:20.**

Mankind's Sin Problem (Rom. 1:18-3:20):

- God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of mankind (Rom. 1:18).

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- Both the Jews and the Gentiles are found guilty of practicing sin (Rom. 3:9).
- God will repay each person according to what they have done (Rom. 2:6).
- He shows no favoritism (Rom. 2:11).
- There is no way a sinner can earn or merit righteousness before God through his own works (Rom. 3:20).

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Mankind's Sin Problem (Rom. 1:18-3:20):

The Solution to Mankind's Sin Problem
(Rom. 3:21-5:21).

- God has graciously provided redemption and atonement for the sins of mankind through the substitutional sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:24-25).

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- If a person will repent of his sins and place his faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ, God freely forgives that person (Rom. 3:26) and his faith is imputed or credited to him by God as righteousness (Rom. 4:3-5).

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- By faith, the forgiven person becomes a partaker in the promise given to Abraham and shares in the faith of Abraham, “who is the [spiritual] father of us all” (Rom 4:16).

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- The forgiven person now has “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1) and “access by faith into this grace” wherein his now stands (Rom. 5:2).
- The goal of redemption provided by Jesus is to develop each follower of Christ into the mature Christian God intends he should become (Rom. 5:3-4).

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- Everything that a Christian needs to become what God intends him to become is already provided for us in the atonement of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:5-21)

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- The cure for the impact of Adam's sin on the human race has been provided by Jesus Christ. Where sin did abound, God grace and power to live above sin does much more abound (Rom. 5:12-21).

Transition

After speaking about man's sin and about God's salvation, we come to the explanation of how Christians are to live after they are forgiven.

First, God wants Christians to be clear in their thinking about their relationship to willful sin (Rom. 6:1-10).

Romans 6:1-10

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Romans 6:1-10

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Romans 6:1-10

⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Romans 6:1-10

¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

Question 1

Question 1: Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

- “**continue**” – to persist in, to repeatedly commit acts of sin.
- Is the Christian to believe that he/she cannot live obediently to God’s Word?

Explanation

- Is the Christian to view himself as a “saved sinner”?
- Is the Christian to believe that he cannot stop committing willful sin?
- The answer is given in **Romans 6:2-7**

Answer 1

Answer: Romans 6:2 Certainly not!
How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

- When a person is redeemed, it is not only a divine transaction, it is a divine miracle of transformation.

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How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

- **“we who died to sin”** – means sin has lost its power over us and we do not have to yield to it.

Answer 1

When you repent and put your faith in Jesus as Savior, God not only forgives you, but He recreates you in righteousness by placing you in Jesus. (2 Cor. 5:17; John 3:3-7).

This action of being put “in Jesus” is called **UNION** with Christ.

Further Explanation

Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Further Explanation

- When we are baptized, we are baptized into Christ's death to sin and we renounce our former life of sin.

Further Explanation

- When we are baptized, we are also baptized into Christ's burial.
- Burial follows death and signifies that a Christian deliberately turns his back on his former life of sin.
- This is what “**we who have died to sin**” means! (Rom. 6:2).

Further Explanation

- When we come up from the baptismal waters we rise to walk in newness of life!
- “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

Further Explanation

- Union with Christ also ensures that we shall be physically resurrected like He was (Rom. 6:5).
- ^{ESV} **Romans 6:5** 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.

Repeat of Concept

- ^{ESV} **Romans 6:6** We know that our old self was crucified with him [put to death with Christ] in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing [done away with, destroyed], so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Repeat of Concept

- “**body of sin**” – our body under the control of sin = (sin’s body) – sin controlling our body.
- Sins control over our body is destroyed.
- We are no longer enslaved to sin!

Repeat of Concept

- NKJ **Romans 6:7** For he who has died has been freed from sin.
- NLT **Romans 6:7** For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

Conclusion

- ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

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- ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

Summary

- In Romans 6:1-10 we see that participation in the death, burial, and resurrection with Christ at the new birth severs the believer from his old life and the dominion of sin.
- We are not to continue in the practice of known, willful disobedience to God.