

**IS GRACE a License to Sin?** Romans 6: 1-7

Valid descriptions of behavior or not? Galatians 5:19-21

**Romans 1:18 - 3:20** → the deep sinfulness of all humans!

**Romans 3:21 – Romans 5:19** → God made a way of GRACE to redeem the UNGODLY!

**Result: Romans 5:20-21**

*"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning that grace may increase?"*

**AVOIDING the ditches of the 'Once Saved, Always Saved' folk and/or the ditches of the 'You Can Lose your Salvation' folk**— The Bible clearly teaches:

**I. ROMANS 5:20-21 – 6:1**

Why not "live it up" in sin so God can forgive us later?

*"God forbid!" "Impossible!" "Absurd!" "Nonsense!"*

**God's grace teaches:** Titus 2:11-12

Those who **continuously practice** sin have never been born of God:

1 John 3:6, 8, 9; 5:18

**II. ROMANS 6:2— "We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"**

SO, WHO is THE REAL Christian?

→ HAVE YOU DIED TO SIN? **ROMANS 6:6; 6:14; 6:18; 6:22**

But what does that phrase mean—"died to sin?" It means that you have been SET FREE FROM the ruling power of sin in your life.

**Why the Genuine Christian can NOT continue enslaved to lifestyle sin:**

1. The old clothes just don't fit anymore. GUILT AND REGRET WILL COME IN LIKE A FLOOD!
2. God will stop you! **1 Corinthians 11:29-30; Hebrews 12:4-14**
3. If you persist in sin and YOU ARE NOT CHASTENED, it demonstrates that you were never truly saved! **Matthew 7:21-27; Matthew 15:12-14; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 John 2:15-19**

### **III. ROMANS 6:3-4 – Baptized INTO Jesus!**

Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:5— they are "immersed" or "covered over" with the Holy Spirit

Mark 10:39— "immersed" or "covered over" with suffering.

Romans 6:3-4— "immersed" or "covered over" into Jesus Christ!

**"Baptism into Jesus Christ" is also set forth in Galatians 3:26-27.**

**The result of this baptism is that the believer is "IN CHRIST" - Gal. 3:28; 2 Cor. 5:17**

**[Multitudes are baptized in water and REMAIN slaves to sin, satan, self and society. ALL who are baptized into JESUS are DEAD to sin and alive in Jesus Christ!**

Baptism in water does not EQUAL baptism into JESUS CHRIST. These verses CANNOT refer to water baptism. Baptism into Christ is also spoken of as the Baptism with/by/ or in the Holy Spirit: **1 Cor. 12:13]**

### **IV. ROMANS 6:5-7— the Miracle of Genuine Salvation!**

A. United With Christ! VS 5

B. The Old Man Crucified! VS 6

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND:** When you got saved... you likely did not 'feel' any of this... You may well have not had a clue about the depth of miracles God performed when He saved you!

1. That's why we have Romans and the blessed Holy Spirit!
2. So that we can now → **KNOW /// RECKON /// YIELD /// REIGN**

**IN VERSE 6...** THE "body of sin" refers to your literal body as a helpless tool of sin.

The phrase "done away with" literally means "rendered powerless."

IN CHRIST WE ARE FULLY **Able Not to Sin!**

Can we still sin? Yes. Is sin necessary? No. Is it inevitable? No.

Now in Christ, although SIN NO LONGER rules over us, we still... at times... choose to sin: 1 John 1:8-10 – 2:2.

**What makes a Christian sin?** James 1:14-15

**C. Freed From Sin! Vs 7** *"Anyone who has died has been freed from sin."*

We were enslaved to sin, but now through Christ we have been set free.

Why, then, do we at times go back to sin? Hebrews 3:12-13

**SATAN IS A LIAR AND SIN IS DECEITFUL!**

Jesus said, *"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* John 8:36

**V. GOOD NEWS:**

"JESUS breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free."

1. There are none so happy as those who have been set free by Jesus Christ.

**2. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN AS THE RULING POWER OF YOUR LIFE— YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR SPIRITUAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE!**

3. Rejoice, child of God, the charges have been paid for by Jesus,

The chains now broken, the cell door opened. You are free.

Will a GENUINE Christian CONTINUE in or go back into sin AND SPEND HIS WHOLE LIFE THERE AS MILLIONS OF CHURCH MEMBERS DO?

YOU MAY BE CONFUSED ABOUT THAT → BUT PAUL, MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT— ***“God forbid!”***

Romans 6:1-7 - **CHRISTIAN:**

Through Jesus Christ → You've been set free NOT ONLY FROM SIN'S PENALTY; BUT ALSO FROM SIN'S POWER!

**KNOW! RECKON! YIELD! REIGN!**