



## ROMANS PART 2 - WHY NOT KEEP SINNING?

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### Romans 6:1–23

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#### Big Idea

In Christ, humanity is no longer ruled by Sin and death, but raised into a new way of being human through allegiance to Jesus.

#### Context: A Change of Allegiance

Throughout Romans, Paul has been showing that both Jews and Gentiles are trapped under the power of sin and can only be made right with God through faith in Jesus.

In Romans 5, Paul contrasted Adam and Christ. Through Adam, sin and death entered the human story. Through Christ, grace and life have entered the world. When Paul says that God's grace increases where sin increases, an obvious question emerges: If grace always wins, why not keep sinning?

Romans 6 answers that question by focusing on identity, allegiance, and what it means to belong to Jesus.

#### 1. Because Sin Is the Big Problem With the World

##### Romans 6:1-2

Paul's answer begins with a strong rejection: "Of course not!"

Sin is more than breaking rules. It is a destructive power that distorts God's good creation and damages the people He loves. Humanity was created to bear God's image, reflect His character, and participate in His purposes in the world. Sin works against all of that.

The problem with sin is not simply that it offends God. The problem is that it produces death wherever it reigns. It corrupts relationships, fuels injustice, and prevents humanity from becoming what God intended. Why not keep sinning? Because sin is the very thing Jesus came to defeat.

#### 2. Because That's Not Who We Are Anymore

##### Romans 6:3-8

Paul points believers back to their baptism. Through faith in Christ, we have been united with Jesus in His death and resurrection. The old self has died, and a new life has begun.

The gospel is not merely about forgiveness; it is about transformation. Our identity has changed. We are no longer defined by our old patterns, failures, or allegiances. We belong to Christ.

If we have died with Christ and been raised with Him, it no longer makes sense to live as though nothing has changed. Why not keep sinning? Because that person is no longer who we are.

#### 3. Because Sin Is No Longer Our Master

##### Romans 6:10-14

Paul repeatedly describes sin as a master. Before Christ, humanity lived under its rule. Sin promised freedom but produced slavery. It promised life but delivered death.

Through Jesus, that authority has been broken. Believers are no longer under the dominion of sin but under the reign of God's grace. Paul therefore calls Christians to offer themselves to God rather than returning to their former master.

We were never created to serve sin. We were created to live under God's wise and loving rule. Why not keep sinning? Because sin no longer has the right to rule your life.

#### **4. Because Grace Leads to Life** **Romans 6:15-23**

Paul anticipates another misunderstanding: If we are under grace rather than law, does obedience still matter?

His answer is clear. Grace is not permission to continue in sin; grace is God's power to set people free from sin. Every allegiance leads somewhere. Sin leads to death, while obedience to God leads to life.

Paul summarizes the entire chapter with a powerful contrast: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Sin pays exactly what it promises. God offers something better: life, freedom, and participation in His new creation.

**Conclusion:** Live According to Your New Allegiance

Romans 6 presents two ways of being human.

Under sin, humanity experiences slavery, distortion, and death. Under Christ, humanity experiences freedom, transformation, and life.

Jesus did not simply come to forgive sinners. He came to free humanity from the powers that enslave us and restore us to the life God intended.

Why not keep sinning?

Because sin is the problem Christ defeated, it is no longer your identity, it is no longer your master, and God's grace has given you a better way to live.

#### **Study & Discussion**

How does seeing sin as a power rather than merely bad behaviour change your understanding of Romans 6?

What does it mean to be "dead to sin and alive to God" in everyday life?

Where are you most tempted to return to old patterns instead of living in your new identity in Christ?

How does God's grace empower obedience rather than excuse disobedience?

#### **Practice of the Week: Live Out Your New Allegiance**

Identify one area where old patterns still try to pull you back into former ways of living.

Each day, consciously offer that area to God and remind yourself: "I belong to Christ. Sin is no longer my master."

When you fail, do not run from God. Return to Him, receive His grace, and continue walking in the new life He has given you.

Goal of the Week

Not simply to avoid sin, but to live as someone whose allegiance belongs to Jesus—a person being shaped into the new humanity God is creating through Christ.