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V. Living by Grace in a Sinful World
Part 1: 6:1-23

Rom 6:1-8:39

1. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 6:1-7

a. By no means! We [are those] who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

b. Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (1 Cor 12:12-13; Gal 2:20-21; Col 2:6-12)

- We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that,
 - * just as Christ was raised from [among] the dead through the glory of the Father,
 - * we too may live a new life (or, "conduct ourselves").
- For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (1 Cor 15:20-22; Eph 2:4-10)
 - * For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by (or also "under the power of") sin might be done away with (or "annulled"),
 - * That we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. (1 Cor 10:13; Heb 2:18).

When a person places their faith in Christ, they are free from sin and its consequences and their life should reflect that.

2. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery ("rule") over Him. **6:8-10**

a. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; (Heb 7:27; 10:10; 1 Pet 3:18)

b. But the life He lives, He lives to God. (Rev1:12-18)

A believer has a new life and an eternal future. They are set free for a purpose.

3. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Psm 19:13; 119:133; Rom 8:1; Jde 1:24-25)

6:11-14

a. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

b. Do not offer ("neither yield, present") any part of yourself to sin as an instrument (or, "weapon, tool") of wickedness,

- But rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life ("living"); E.g., Jhn 5:24; Eph 2:1-5)
- And offer every part of yourself ("your members") to Him as an instrument of righteousness. See Rom 12:1-2
- For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

(This is the truth behind 1 Cor 6:12-13; 10:23-24; Gal 5:16-26, Jas 1:13-15)

“Choose this day whom you will serve”

4. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! (1 Pet 2:16; Jde 1:4) 6:15-18

a. Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of then one you obey— (Mtt 6:24, Jas 4:4)

- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death,
- or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? (Gal 5:16-26)

b. But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

- You have been set free from sin (Php 2:12)
- And have become slaves to righteousness.

Believers are free to serve God.

5. I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations (*“the weakness of the flesh”*). He uses the language of bondage/slavery (That was their world) to express biblical truth. 6:19-23

a. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness (*“lawlessness unto lawlessness”*), so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. It is our choice, daily, moment by moment. And the choice we make will bear fruit of one of two kinds. Choose wisely.

b. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from [the control of] righteousness. (Jas 4:1-12; 1 Jhn 2:15-17)

- What benefit (*“fruit”*) did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! (Mtt 7:13-14)
- But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. (Jhn 8:34-36)
- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The outcomes differ starkly based on our choices.

Gal 5:16-26