

## #14 Dead To Sin, But Alive In Christ

*Romans 6:1-14 (NIV)*

### Recap Romans Chapter 5

We have been learning about God's amazing grace these past couple of weeks.

- Grace is the gift that is freely given to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior.
- As believers we are standing in Grace, infused with Grace, empowered by Grace.
- Through Grace, God's righteousness is granted to us and as a result we receive peace, access to God, hope, and power to endure. All this because God loves us.

***Romans 6:1-14 NIV*** *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.*

**Paul begins this section by asking the question, “Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?”**

- Why does he need to ask this question?
- How does he answer it?

**Paul tells us there are some things we need to know to live life as a believer.**

He gives us the example of Baptism.

- Baptized into Christ means baptized into his **DEATH**.
- It then follows that we are **BURIED** with him.
- And just as he was raised from the dead, we too may live a **NEW LIFE**.

***Colossians 3:1-10 (NIV)*** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

- Christ has defeated **SIN** and **DEATH** and now **LIVES** to God.
- Paul now instructs us to take an **ACCOUNTING**, get our books in order.

**We need to choose who will be our master.**

***Joshua 24:15 (NIV)*** ... then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

**How will you use your body?**

As **WEAPONS** for **EVIL** or **TOOLS** for **RIGHTEOUSNESS**?

***Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)*** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

❖ **Will you declare in your life just as Paul did in Romans 6:14, that “sin shall not be your master because you are now living under grace?”**