

Vintage: Changing Times. Changeless God.

Week 5: Christ's Love Compels Us

Weekly Summary: Is Jesus the best excuse to be bad? If he loves us unconditionally and forgives us for every sin, why not enjoy sin? Why not do what is easy and convenient? Romans 6 answers those logically questions clearly and powerfully.

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

❖ Why not sin?

1. Because sin is **stupid!** (Proverbs)
2. Because faith **works.** (James)
3. Because "you" **died.** (Romans)

❖ Romans 6:2 - By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Romans 6:3-6a - Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 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. 5 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. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him.

❖ Sin is not **you.**



- ❖ Romans 6:6-12 - 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—
7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

- ❖ Sin can't tell you what to do.



- ❖ Romans 6:13-14 - 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. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Points to Ponder

1. What sin are you most tempted to give into instead of resisting? How did today's message change your view of that specific temptation?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:9-11. Find at least two connections between Paul's words to the Corinthians and our message from Romans 6.
3. Challenge: Take the "Shower Challenge" for the next seven days and offer yourself entirely to God.

Homework For Next Week: Romans 7:1-25

*"Christ's love compels us."
~ The Apostle Paul*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "All Because Of Jesus" - by Fee
2. "Back To You" - by Jeremiah Jones
3. "Audience Of One" - by Big Daddy Weave
4. "Made New" - by Lincoln Brewster