

Sermon Notes - June 29 / July 2, 2017
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Vintage (A sermon series on Romans)
“Alive”

Is God’s undeserved kindness a license to sin?

Can a Christian have a continuing relationship with sin?

Are we powerless when it comes to sin?

Romans 6:1-10 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

³ 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 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. ¹⁰ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

By grace through faith by means of baptism,
you are **connected** (the Bible elsewhere says “**married**”) to Christ

Therefore, what is true of Jesus becomes true of you.

[NOTE: The blanks below will remain blank – no “fill-in” for those because each person will be writing their own name in the blanks.]

- Jesus (and therefore _____) was **crucified** and **died** (because of sin.)
- Jesus (and therefore _____) was **buried** (and sin too).

- Jesus (and therefore _____) was **raised** (leaving sin behind.)
- Jesus earned acquittal for the **guilt** of all sin. Therefore _____ is declared not **guilty**.
- Jesus (and therefore _____) died to sin and lives to **God**.

Romans 6:11-14 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. ¹³ 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.

Power over sin is not found in **will-power**, but from your **relationship, identity** and **status** in Christ.

Points to Ponder:

1. Every day this week 3 times per day, remind yourself: “I am baptized into Christ. So I am a forgiven, dearly-loved child of God.” In your daily life, how do you think this will change your attitude? Words? Actions?
2. “Offer yourselves to God...as an instrument of righteousness.” Write down three daily habits that would help make that verse real in your life. Begin doing them immediately!
3. What types of sins do you fall into most often? How do you feel when you commit them? What circumstances lead to them? What tactics have you tried in the past to overcome them? What can you do differently in light of what you learned today from Romans 6:1-14? *(And don't miss next week's message as we dive in deeper on this topic!)*

Homework: Read Romans 7:1-25