

ROMANS 6

1. What happens when God justifies Christians?
 - Because our sin has been paid for, our sin is gone.
 - Because our sin is gone, God's anger against our sin is gone.
 - Because God's anger against our sin is gone, we have peace with God.
2. For the Christian, is peace with God only temporary?
 - No.
 - If we believe in Christ, our peace with God is forever.
3. What does it mean to gain access to God?
 - It means that because of Christ's death, we can enter into God's presence.
4. If God's grace alone saves us, then what is the purpose of our faith?
 - To admit that God's grace alone has saved us.
5. Which is more powerful—God's grace or man's sin?
 - God's grace.
6. What is the glory of God?
 - It is the eternal and extreme beauty of God.
 - It is the eternal and extreme perfection of God.
 - It is the eternal and extreme holiness of God.
7. As Christians, why should we not only accept, but

- also rejoice when we have problems?
- Because problems force us to call on God in prayer.
 - Because problems force us to depend on God to help us through life.
 - Because problems help us to understand that nothing and no one can take away our faith in God.
- In the first five chapters of Romans, we have studied two themes:
- “All People are Unrighteous Before God.”
 - “The Righteousness of God Alone Saves Us.”
- Now, beginning with Chapter 6, we will study this theme:
- “The Righteousness of God Alone Lives a Holy Life in Us.”
- God and Paul begin Romans Chapter 6 with a question:

Let's read Romans 6:1

- 1-What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
- Why did Paul ask this question?
- In Romans 5:20, God and Paul had said this:
- “But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.”

-What does this mean, “But where sin increased, grace increased all the more”?

-This means that the grace of God is greater than the sin of man.

-Is the Word of God saying that we should sin more so that God’s grace in our lives would be more?

-Can someone receive a new life, but continue in the old life so that he will have more new life?

-Can someone be freed from Satan, but continue to live in bondage to Satan so that he will have more freedom?

-Can someone enter the kingdom of Christ, yet continue in the kingdom of Adam so that he will have more of the kingdom of Christ?

-Does living in sin please God?

-Does sin bring glory to God?

-How does the Word of God answer this question?

Let’s read Romans 6:2

2-By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

-The answer to this question is a strong “No!”

-If we have died to sin, then how can we continue to live in sin?

-We cannot.

-If we have received a new life, then how can we continue in the old life.

-We cannot.

-If we have been freed from Satan, then how can we continue in bondage to him?

-We cannot.

-If we have entered the kingdom of Christ, then how can we continue in the kingdom of Adam and Satan and sin?

-We cannot.

-God does not give us His righteousness so that we can live in sin.

-Why has God given to us His gift of righteousness?

-So that God can save us from death.

-So that we can live in God’s righteousness.

-Why can Christians not live in sin?

-Because we “died to sin.”

-What does it mean that we “died to sin”?

-It means that sin no longer has any power over us as Christians.

-If sin no longer has any power over us, then why do Christians still sin?

-Because we do not allow Christ to have complete control of our lives.

-In John 5:19, Jesus said this: “The Son can do nothing by Himself.”

-How can Jesus who is God do nothing by Himself?

-How can Jesus who has all power do nothing by Himself?

-Jesus is teaching us that God the Father has complete control of His life.

-Just as Jesus allowed God the Father to have complete control of His life, we should allow Jesus to have complete control of our lives.

-The degree that we allow Christ to have control of our lives is the same degree that Christ takes control of our lives.

-The degree that we allow Christ to have control of our lives is the same degree that we will not sin.

-If we allow Christ to have a small part of our lives, then Christ works within us only a little.

-If we allow Christ to have a large part of our lives, then Christ works within us a lot.

-We must ask God to help us to live out this truth in our lives.

-We must ask God to take total control of our lives.

-Then, people will see more of Jesus in our lives.

Let's read Romans 6:3

3-Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

-What does it mean to be baptized into Christ Jesus?
-It means to become one with Him.

-What does it mean to be baptized into His death?
-It means that Christ's death on the cross was our death.

-How does Christ's death on the cross become the death for all Christians?

-Because Christ's death on the cross was not for Himself, but for us.

-This is a very important truth.

-Because Christ never sinned, He did not need to die for His sins.

-Christ's death on the cross was our death because it was our sins for which He died.

Let's read Romans 6:4-5

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-If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

-Just as Christians have died with Christ, we have also been buried with Christ.

-What does burying someone prove?

-That they are dead.

-If someone dies, then they are buried.

-If you are buried, then you are dead.

-What does being buried with Christ prove?

-That we are dead to sin.

-What does it mean that Christians are united with Christ in His resurrection?

-It means that just as Christ was resurrected, Christians are also resurrected from an old life of sin to a new life

of righteousness.

-Christ's death is our death.

-Christ's burial is our burial.

-Christ's resurrection is our resurrection.

-Christ through Paul is saying this to us:

-“My death is your death.”

-“My burial is your burial.”

-“My resurrection is your resurrection.”

-If this is true, then why do Christians live the way they do?

-Because we do not understand this truth very well.

-Because the world, the flesh, and Satan continue to bother us.

-In spirit, we have been resurrected with Christ.

-Yet, the world, the flesh, and Satan continue to bother us.

-Here is an example:

-When Christ was living in Israel, was He completely God?

-Yes.

-Even though Christ was completely God on the inside, He still had the world, the flesh, and Satan on the outside.

-Even though Christ was completely God on the inside, He still had the world, the flesh, and Satan to bother Him.

-This is the same for us.

-Even though our spirit on the inside has been resurrected with Christ, we are still bothered by the world, the flesh, and Satan on the outside.

-As long as we live on earth, we will be bothered by the world, the flesh, and Satan.

-Yet, we have been resurrected with Christ.

Let's read Romans 6:6-7

6-For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-

7-because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

-Who is "our old self"?

-That is us before we believed in Christ.

-That is us while we still lived in the kingdom of Adam and Satan and sin.

-Because our old self has been crucified with Christ, then our old self of sin has been destroyed.

-Because our old self has been crucified with Christ, then we are no longer slaves to sin.

Let's read Romans 6:8-10

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.

-Because Christ died on the cross, is He able to die again?

-No.

-Why can Christ not die a second time?

-Because of Christ's first and only death, death no longer has any power over Him.

-Why is this important to the Christian?

-Because of Christ's first and only death, if we are in Christ, death no longer has any power over us.

-Where does death receive its power?

-From sin.

-What happens when Christ pays for and removes sin?

-Death has no more power over us.

Let's read Romans 6:11

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

-What are God and Paul asking us to do here?

-To "count" ourselves dead to sin.

-What does it mean to "count" ourselves dead to sin?

-It means to completely understand that Christ has made us dead to sin.

-Why is it difficult to understand that Christ has made us dead to sin?

-Because we still sin, we think that we are still living under the kingdom of Adam, sin, and Satan.

-Can Christians live both under Satan's kingdom and Christ's kingdom?

-No.

-If Christ has brought us into His kingdom, then we cannot be in Satan's kingdom.

-Because we still sin, we think that we are still under Satan's power.

-Can Christians be both under Satan's power and under Christ's power?

-No.

-If Christ has made us His children, then we are no longer the children of Satan.

-Because we still sin, we think that our spirit is still the old spirit, and not a new spirit.

-Do Christians have both an old spirit and a new spirit?

-No.

-If God has given us a new spirit, then He has crucified the old spirit with Christ.

-Because we still sin, we think that our current sins are proof that we are not dead to sin.

-Can Christians be both alive to sin and dead to sin?

-No.

-If God says that we are dead to sin, then we cannot be alive to sin.

-Yet, if God says that Christians are dead to sin, then we must ask God to help us to believe this.

-Is God lying when He says that we are dead to sin?

-No.

-God cannot lie.

-Then what is the problem?

-The problem is for us to believe this.

-We must call on God to help us to understand this:

-Christ Himself has made us dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

-After the Israelites passed through the sea, did they need to be afraid of Pharaoh and the Egyptians?

-No.

-After the Israelites passed through the sea, did they need to obey Pharaoh and the Egyptians?

-No.

-Why not?

-Because Pharaoh and the Egyptians were dead.

-The Israelites were set free, and they needed to

remember this.

-As Christians, we must remember that sin can no longer control us.

Let's read Romans 6:12-13a

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

13-Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness.

-If we are Christians, and sin can no longer control us, then why do we allow sin in our lives?

-If we are Christians, and we are free from the power of sin, then why do we choose to sin?

-It is because of our lack of belief in God.

-It is because we are believing lies instead of the truths of God.

-Behind every sin is a lack of belief in God.

-If we completely believed in God, then we would not sin.

-If you look at all of the sins of people in the Bible, it is because of their lack of faith.

-If you look at all of our sins, it is because of our lack of faith.

-Why did Adam and Eve sin in the Garden of Eden?

-Because they believed a lie.

-Because they did not believe the truths of God.

-Why did Cain sin and kill Abel?

-Because he believed a lie.

-Because he did not believe the truths of God.

-Why did everyone die in the flood except for Noah and his family?

-Because they believed a lie.

-Because they did not believe the truths of God.

-Why do all people sin?

-Because we believe lies.

-Because we do not believe the truths of God.

-All sins have lies as their foundation.

Let's read Romans 6:13b-14

13-But rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

14-For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

-What does it mean to "offer yourselves to God"?

-It means to give yourself to God.

-Why should we offer ourselves to God?

-So that we can believe His truths instead of lies.

-How do we offer ourselves to God so that we can believe His truths instead of lies?

-We read God's Word so that more and more of God's truths will become a part of our lives.

-We listen to the teaching of God's Word so that more and more of God's truths will become a part of our lives.

-We pray and ask our God to help us to understand more and more of His truths.

-In Mark 9:24, when Jesus was talking to the father of a boy who was demon possessed, what did the father say to Jesus?

-“Help my unbelief!”

-This should be our prayer as well.

-What is our greatest work in eternity?

-To believe in God.

-Are we able to believe in God by ourselves?

-No. We need God's help.