

Easy As 1-2-3



Romans 6¹

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Overall Understanding

Chapter Six²

Paul continues his use of BEFORE and NOW as he reveals the amazing truth that believers are not only forgiven of sin but free from sin. Grace doesn't motivate us to sin. It changes us from the inside out, completely liberating us from sin's dominion.

In this lesson, we will also briefly address the question of why Christians sin, which Paul elaborates upon in the following chapter.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

Some have written that if this question doesn't get asked, the communicator is not preaching the true gospel. Perhaps this is true, but Paul was addressing his accusers. Who were they? They were the ones who were insisting that to be righteous, one had to follow the law, the entire law.

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²Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Paul answers the question clearly. Of course not. That is an affront to the gospel. We DIED to sin. Why would we choose to sin?

³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Paul is pointing to the cross where a very high cost was paid to free us from the power of sin. When He died, those who would believe in Him were baptized into His death. We were buried with Him. We were raised with Him. Those who honor what He accomplished for us because He loved us will more likely walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

The person we were BEFORE we believed, our OLD man, was crucified. Please hear this. We do not have an old man residing in us. He is dead. We are new creations, not dual creations. We are no longer slaves of sin.

⁷For he who has died has been freed from sin.

We died with the one who paid for our sin. Now we are freed from sin. Plain and simple.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Paul is amplifying what he just said. We died with Christ. We now live with Him. Jesus died once and was resurrected, never to die again. Death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He repeats it again! Jesus died to sin ONCE for all. Now, He lives to God. LIKEWISE—in the same way—we died ONCE to sin. We are DEAD to sin. NOW, we are alive to God. **We don't need to continually die to sin.** We already died once, just as He already died once. Now we live.

What we need to do is acknowledge this glorious truth and walk as those who are alive in Jesus and freed from sin.

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Therefore—for this reason—that you are dead to sin and alive to God, don't go on letting sin rule in your body.

Look at it this way. When one King destroys another king, he doesn't allow the old king to live in the castle. He is vanquished. Why would we let sin continue to rule us when we have been set free?

Why would we take what God has made holy and righteous and present ourselves to that which is unrighteous?

No! We present ourselves to God alive from the dead and our bodies as an instrument of righteousness.

¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

One little verse that is so overlooked because it seems too good to be true.

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Sin does NOT have dominion over you. Why not?

1. You are not under law.
2. You are under grace.

**Believers in Jesus are absolutely not under law.
We are ONLY under grace.**

A little-known fact among churches is that the law actually makes sin more powerful in our lives as believers. Paul will discuss this at length in Chapter 7.

1 Corinthians 15:56

The sting of death is sin,
and the strength (dunamis/power) of sin **is the law.**

Those who do not understand that when Paul wrote “law,” he included the entirety of the law including the Ten Commandments, will miss the message of Paul entirely.

The very reason we are free from sin is that we are free from the entire law. We are under grace only, not a mixture of law and grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

The next question is, if we are not under law, does that mean we can sin against God?

Certainly not.

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? ⁷ But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

You WERE a slave to sin. You formerly obeyed sin. You were dead. Now you are righteous. We are no longer slaves to sin. We obeyed by believing in His Son. We WERE in bondage like slaves to sin. Now, we are free from our slavemaster. Now, we have a new master, Jesus. We live for Him.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

BEFORE we were slaves of sin. We were free from being righteous. He asks a big question. What good fruit came from doing things that you now regret doing? The end of sinning is death. He isn't saying that when Christians sin, they bring about death. He is saying it makes no sense to put ourselves under the bondage of sin when we are free from it.

²²**But now having been set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

BEFORE Jesus died and rose again, we did not have peace with God. NOW we do.

²³For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BEFORE, when we sinned, we **earned** death.
NOW we receive the **gift** of God, which is eternal life.

Coming Up in Chapter 7

Paul starts Chapter 7 by again arguing that believers are not under the Law.

He shows how being under the law makes us weak concerning sin.

Chapters 1-7 are essential to understanding Romans 8.

Chapter 8 is so widely misunderstood that we divide it into three lessons.

Come and be blessed.