

SERMON NOTES

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In The Grip of God's Grace

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans

Romans 6 - "Shall We Continue in Sin?"

We come to a new division in the Book of Romans – Chapters 6-7

Sanctification - made holy in Christ (chaps. 6 and 7)

Sanctification, what is it? It starts the moment you are saved, and ends in glorification.

It's goal is likeness to Jesus

When God conforms us to the image of His Son He does not deform us from ourselves.

Here's the contrast between Romans 5-6

- Chapter 5 – Imputation
- Chapter 6 – Impartation

Preach grace, and practice law – the old nature knows no law, but the new nature needs no law.

God does more than declare us righteous – He want's to make us righteous

I. Know (vs. 3-10)

Romans 6:3-10, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."

Christian living depends upon Christian learning; duty is always founded upon doctrine.

If Satan can keep a Christian ignorant, He can keep him impotent.

We don't crucify the flesh, it already happened at Calvary.

II. Reckon – “it's to put to one's account” (vs. 11-12)

Romans 6:11-12, *“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”*

Notice it's in the present tense – ‘count and keep on counting’ – it's a present imperative.

What does it mean?

It's allowing God to make true, in my life, what I read in His Word!

Illustration: How many cross' when Jesus died?

How to you know?

- Know – the mind
- Reckon – the heart

III. Yield – it's to place at one's disposal (vs. 13-23)

Romans 6:13-23, *“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Romans 12:1, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”*

Shall we continue in sin?

No!

1. You cannot – because you are united to Christ.
2. You need not –because sins dominion has been broken by grace.
3. You must not – because it would bring sin again as your master.
4. You had – better not, for it would end in disaster (vs. 23)

(vs. 23) its context for Christians

Illustration: Samson (Judges 13-16)

- **KNOW**
- **RECKON**
- **YIELD**