

Why Not Continue in Sin?

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Scripture Basic: Romans 6:1-23

Focal: Romans 6:1-4, 12-16, 20-23

Outline:

II. What God Has Done for Man: Justification by Faith (1:18-11:36)

A. What It Is (1:18-5:21)

B. How It Affects Conduct (6:1-8:39)

1. Is it OK to sin because sin begets grace? (6:1-14)

a. The question stated (6:1)

b. The answer: No! (6:2)

c. Identification with Christ (6:3-13)

(1) Knowledge of the fact (6:3-10)

(a) Death

(b) Burial

(c) Resurrection

(2) Counting on the fact (6:11-13)

d. Transition: We are under grace - not law (6:14)

2. Is it OK to sin because we are not under the Law, which prohibits sin?

(6:15-8:39)

a. What "not under the Law" does not mean: a license to sin (6:15-

23)

(1) The question stated (6:15)

(2) A change of masters - the slavery illustration (6:16-23):

	The Master	The Service	The Reward
The Unbeliever	Sin	Lawlessness (Uncleanness)	Wages: death
The Believer	Righteousness	Holiness	Gift: eternal life

Applications:

1. From Paul's day to the present, some will argue that a salvation not based on good conduct will necessarily produce bad conduct. Not so, per this (and many another) passage.
2. Our identification with Christ is not only present and future - but also retroactive to the cross, i.e. in the sight of God we were actually crucified, buried and raised from death. Thus, no more judgment coming and no more of the "old you", experientially.
3. Freedom from the Law simply means a freedom to serve Christ - not a freedom to sin.