# Shall We Sin That Grace May Abound?

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## INTRODUCTION

- The question is, what shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not.
- Yet by the grace of God, undeserved favor on God's part, he has provided the means by which everyone can be forgiven.
- So the reasoning might be well, if the more we sin, that magnifies the grace of God.

## 1 Before Christ We Were Dead in Sin

**Ephesians 2:1–5**

- Before we came to know Christ, we were dead in sin. Now that's spiritually dead, of course. We were separated from God.
- And you he made alive who were dead. Dead in trespasses and sins.
- By our sins, we caused the wrath of God to be against us.
- But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace, you have been saved.

## 2 Baptized Into His Death, Dead to Sin

**Romans 6:3–5; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16**

- Therefore 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.
- Instead of being dead in sin, it makes us dead to sin.
- In the act of baptism, what happens is sins are washed away. We're dead to sin. We're raised to walk in newness of life.
- Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
- It's in baptism that we reach the blood of Jesus Christ.

## 3 Baptism Is the Starting Point of a New Life

**Romans 6:6–14; Colossians 3:1–10**

- If you understand what really happens in baptism, you died to sin. And you're raised to walk in newness of life. There's a change in your conduct.
- Baptism is not the finish line, it's the starting point. There's a new life to be lived.
- Likewise, you also reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- The person who's obeyed the gospel experiences a change in his lifestyle. Sin is no longer in control.
- If your lifestyle hadn't changed when you were baptized, probably it was of no effect for you.

## 4 Slaves of Righteousness, Not Slaves of Sin

**Romans 6:15–18; Galatians 2:20**

- Shall we sin because we're not under law, but under grace?
- Having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- But spiritually, we do not have the right to do what we want to do if we're in Christ.
- We understand we are as slaves to Jesus Christ, committed to do his will.
- You're made free from sin when you obeyed from the heart. That form of doctrine.

## 5 The Rewards of Choosing to Serve the Lord

**Romans 6:19–23**

- So now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.
- What fruit did you have then in the things of which you're now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.
- But now having been set free from sin, having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness. And the end? Everlasting life.
- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And each of us make the choice: eternal life or death. What's before you? If Christ came this very day, where would you find yourself? Slave to sin or slave to Christ.**

MY NOTES