

# **Dead to Sin but Alive in Jesus ... Set Free from the POWER of SIN ...**

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## **Romans 6:1-7**

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! (God forbid!) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>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 (i.e.: **NEW LIFE**).

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, <sup>6</sup>**knowing this**, that our old man (i.e.: our old sinful nature) was **crucified with Him**, that the body of **sin might be done away with**, that we should **NO** longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup>For he who has **died** has been **FREED** from sin.

### **A little background . . .**

The accusation against the apostle Paul's Ministry – since Paul preached God's Forgiveness of Sins in Christ, by God's Grace, received by Faith in God, based upon Christ's crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection ... Repentance and Faith ... and this is all a fallen, sinner must do to be saved, be reconciled to God, to receive Forever Forgiveness of all sins (past, present and future), to receive Eternal/Everlasting Life with God, and a Home in Heaven with God forever ... Many Jews and Religious Gentiles (non-Jews) accused Paul of being too Light on Sin, giving Christians no rituals to perform, no religious works to perform to EARN their Salvation by doing "good works", etc. . . . they thought Paul was teaching "**easy believism**". So, since Paul taught that "where sin increased (or abounded, or multiplied) God's Grace **MUCH MORE** abounded/increased" . . . that we might as well SIN ALL WE CAN to the FULLEST so that we can Receive God's Forgiveness and Grace ... Paul Addresses this in Romans chapter 6

**<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! (God forbid!) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**

Paul uses the illustration of the real historical account of Christ's Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection and ties this to the believer in Christ ... that the POWER of Christ's Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection is what the believer has in his/her life... the very POWER that God cause Christ to be risen from the dead is in us... we are inextricably tied to that Event of Christ's Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection (i.e. the Complete Work of Christ's Redemption for us).

**Believers in Christ, who are truly "born again in Christ" are TIED to CHRIST, Bound to Christ:**

- 1. We died to sin** just as Christ Died on the Cross. (**Passover**)
- 2. We died and were buried when Christ was buried** and took our sins far away (**feast of Unleavened Bread**)
- 3. We rose Live and to Walk in NEW LIFE in CHRIST**, just as Christ rose from the Dead (the first of the first fruits of those who were raised from the dead [1 Cor. 15:20] – **First Fruits**)

Paul uses this TRUTH of our LIFE being Bound up in Christ, even during the Crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Christ to Answer this Accusation against his Gospel Ministry.

**Answer:** How can we still live in the life of sinfulness (live in sin) when we've been set free from sin?

**John 8:31,32,34-36**

**<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide (*live, stay, make your home*) in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (SET YOU FREE).”**

**<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.**

**<sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.**

**<sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you FREE, you shall be FREE indeed. (i.e. Truly FREE)**

**The Freedom Christ offers, is FREEDOM from SIN so that we can OBEY GOD According to His Word, ALONE.**

**A person who says that he/she believes in God, that he/she is a Christian ... YET ... says it is OK to SIN all you want ...**

**OR ... that certain kinds of lifestyle behaviors that God says in the Bible is SIN ... yes God says it is SIN with no uncertain terms... yet that person says, that now, God is OK with it ... he/she is Lying to himself/herself and lying others and to God. God is teaching us, through Paul the apostle here in Romans 6, there is NO WAY that can be True. God does not, never, ever, condone or EXCUSE any kind of SIN, Sinful Lifestyle, Sinful Behavior, that He plainly declares Sinful in His Holy Word, the Holy Bible. We deceive ourselves to think that what God declares as SIN, is Socially Acceptable today. We lie to ourselves. SIN is SIN and the wages of SIN is DEATH (Rom 6:23)**

**If a person claims to be a Christian . . . Is his/her LIFE Truly Transformed? (not talking perfect person, now...)**

**It is better to recognize this now, before you die, to find out that you may not be truly born again, truly saved by Christ, and all you are is a person who is “ok with God” or “I kinda like Jesus” ... but you may not know that you are NOT Saved, not Genuinely Born again ... Sin is still in control of your life, the POWER of Sin and the Penalty of Sin is still in your life.**

**Only by Surrendering, fully, to Jesus Christ, you bow the knee, you bow your life to Jesus and you surrender to Him as your KING, MASTER, LORD, GOD, and Savior. You must Repent or your sins, and Trust in Christ alone for your salvation, today.**