

WHEN IN ROME VI
WALKING THE NEW LIFE
ROMANS 6:1-4
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More sin, more grace?

Romans 6:1-4 Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Context: Romans 5:20-21

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Objection: If grace huge where sin is massive, then why not keep sinning? – 6:1 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?*

Response: No way! – 6:2 *By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

- Receiving God's grace by faith in Jesus Christ reorients our relationship towards sin.
- We cannot emphasize or clarify the Gospel enough – 6:3 *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?*
 - You can't live an intellectually honest life and avoid confronting the reality of death.
 - You don't get very far in the Bible without being confronted by this reality (Genesis 3).

- The call of Jesus Christ is the call to come and die so that you can truly live.
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not some dry historical theory but a present reality that can transform your life – 6:4 *We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*
 - Don't miss the purpose: *in order that...we too might walk in newness of life.*
 - What is the newness of life?
 - Hope in trials.
 - Serving God with your money rather than being a slave to money.
 - A more fulfilling reason for helping people – Matthew 5:14-16 *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*
 - What happens when the newness of life no longer feels that new?
 - Each one can reach one.