

# God's Good News About Righteousness

## An Inductive Study of the Book of Romans

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### The Necessity of Sanctification (Romans 6:1-23), Part 1

#### Study 11, Should believers continue to sin to attract God's Grace?

Romans 6:1-14

- A. INTRODUCTION: The Writer, the Readers, and the Good News (Romans 1:1-17). (Study 1)
- B. CONDEMNATION: The Unveiling of God's Wrath against Man's Unrighteousness 1:18 - 3:20 (Studies 2-5)
- C. JUSTIFICATION: The Declaration of Righteousness through Faith 3:21 - 5:21 (Studies 6-10)
- D. **SANCTIFICATION: The Out-working of Righteousness in the Believer's Experience 6 - 8.** In Romans 1:1-17, we were introduced to the subject of the Good News – that God has provided salvation for everyone who believes. In Romans 1:18 - 3:20, we learned that God has unveiled his wrath against man's unrighteousness. In Romans 3:21 - 5:21, we learned that God declares people righteous when they trust in Jesus! In Romans chapters 6-8 we will learn about **sanctification**, which means **being set apart from sin to serve God**. These three chapters describe the out-working of righteousness in the believer's experience.
  - 1. The Necessity of Sanctification in Relation to Sin 6:1-23. In Romans 6, we will learn that sanctification – living our lives set apart to God – is an absolute necessity. We can't keep sinning like we used to before we became believers.
    - a. Should believers continue to sin to attract God's grace? 6:1-14. (Study 11)
      - 1) **The Question and Answer. (6:1-2).**
        - a) The question: In the preceding section (Romans 5:12-21) we learned that, wherever the condemnation from sin increased, God's gracious forgiveness through Jesus super-increased! Now Paul plays the part of the debater. In the twisted logic of fallen man, Paul asks and answers the question in this section, "If the more sin there is, the more God's grace increases, why shouldn't I sin more so that I might benefit from God's grace even more and more?"
        - b) What is Paul's strong answer? (6:2a).
        - c) For his reason, Paul asks another question. What is his question? (6:2b).

- 2) **The Baptism Principle. (6:3-10).** In this section Paul discusses the Baptism Principle. The implication of this remarkable truth is that we Christians have no business continuing to sin.
- a) **Defining Baptism.** WordExplain takes the position that the Baptism of which Paul here speaks is not primarily Water Baptism, but Spirit Baptism. **(6:3, 4).**
- i Water Baptism has important symbolism, but water cannot produce spiritual changes. It can only symbolize them. For example, John’s water baptism symbolized repentance (Matthew 3:6, 11), but it could not make people whom John baptized truly repentant (Matt. 3:7-10).
  - ii Only God’s Spirit can produce spiritual changes, and only Spirit Baptism can produce the realities described in this passage.
  - iii In Spirit Baptism, Jesus baptizes by means of the Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33). In this process, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to live inside each believer (Acts 1:5; 2:38; 10:47; 11:16), and He (the Spirit) takes each believer and immerses or places Him in the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13).
  - iv The amazing thing is that the Spirit of God does a time warp and places each believer in Christ when He died on the cross, was buried, and resurrected (Romans 6:3-9; Galatians 2:20)! This has profound implications, as we shall see.
- b) **The Implications of Baptism into Christ. (6:3-5).** Paul states the Baptism Principle with yet another question: “Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?” (6:3). So in order to battle against sin, we believers must know the implications of baptism into Christ.
- i The first implication of baptism into Christ is that we believers were baptized into Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ . (6:3)

- ii The second implication is that we were \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus through baptism into His death. (6:4a).
- iii The third implication is that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by God, even so, we now have the power and the obligation to do what? (6:4b).
- iv How certain is it that we participate in Christ's resurrection? (6:5).

**c) We Must Know and Live By the Implications of Baptism into Christ's Death. (6:6-7).**

- i What happened to our old self? (6:6a).
- ii What position are we to take with regard to our old body (our pre-Christian body)? (6:6b)
- iii What do we no longer have to be? (6:6c).
- iv Why do we no longer need to be enslaved to sin? (6:7).

**d) We Must Know and Live By the Implications of Christ's Resurrection from Death. (6:8-11).**

- i Since we have died with Christ, what do we believe? (6:8).
- ii What is true of Christ in relation to death and its mastery of humanity? (6:9).
- iii How many times did Jesus need to die? (6:10a).
- iv How is He now living His life? (6:10b).
- v Since we believers have been baptized into Christ, who has been raised from the dead, what policy are we supposed to adopt in regard to sin? (6:11a).
- vi In regard to God? (6:11b).

**e) We Must Live Out the Implications of our Baptism into Christ by Refusing to be Conquered by Sin! (6:12-14).**

- i What are we commanded to prevent reigning over us? (6:12).
- ii To what are we ordered to stop presenting the members and organs of our body? (6:13a).
- iii In what way are we ordered to present ourselves decisively to God? (6:13b).
- iv For what purpose are we to present the members and organs of our body? (6:13c).
- v We are to adopt the policy that sin WILL NOT MASTER US! Why will it not? (6:14).

**f) Application**

- i First of all, have you accepted Jesus' payment for your sins? (Rom. 5:8).
- ii Have you been "reconciled to God through the death of His Son"? (5:10).
- iii Have you "been baptized into Christ Jesus"? (6:3).
- iv Have you "been buried with Him (Jesus) through baptism into death"? (6:4).
- v Are you considering yourself to be "dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus"? (6:11).
- vi Have you stopped presenting the members and organs of your body to sin? (6:13).
- vii Have you made a deliberate decision to present yourself and the members and organs of your body to God to perform righteousness? (6:13).
- viii What is your answer to the question, "Should believers continue to sin to attract God's grace?" (6:1)

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