

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!

Romans 6:1-14

When you make strong statement on 1 side of an issue,
someone warns of danger from another side.

When we preach about salvation by trusting Christ alone, without
works, someone warns us:

“People will think they can live however they please!” “We
can live it up” ***“Eat, drink, & be merry!”***

If sin reveals God’s grace & glory=>more sin brings more
glory=>“Let’s sin more, so God gets greater glory!”

As Paul writes, people starting to think that way.

Fear people will take advantage of liberty; live loose life
Some will want to live that way; *they’ll* use any excuse
Both groups misinterpret gospel.

[*Doctrinal* teaching about justification by faith concludes:]

Salvation by faith leads to godly living! 6-8

If you’ve got real thing, you’ll want to live a godly life!

6-7 – 3 Objections commonly raised against gospel.

Same raised today when we talk about *SECURITY*.

“If we can’t lose our salvation, we can live it up!”

Issue’s the same! *Answer’s also the same!*

Salvation *by trusting Christ alone* is heart of gospel.

Many say that’s too easy! Obj. are old as gospel itself.

OBJECTION CONCERNING GRACE 6:1-14 5:20 =>

6:1 *“The law was added so that the trespass might increase, But
where **sin increased** => **grace***

increased all the more... => 6:1 *What shall we say, then?*

Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

If salvation is by faith alone—not by works =>

God is glorified by showing His grace =>

Greater sin, more God's grace abounds =>

“Better to sin more, so grace is more evident?”

ANSWER 6:2-14 Summary: 6:2 *“By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?”*

We’ve died to sin. We’ve risen to new life.

We can’t go on living in sin!

Result of salvation by trusting Christ: *NOT* life of sin;

It’s a *transformed* life.

(H. Robinson) ***“You can’t live as you once did because you’re no longer the person you once were.”***

Our Identification with Christ 6:3-5 *“Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵If we’ve been united with him like this in his death we’ll certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.”*

NOT message on baptism! Concept applied to life.

“Baptism” used in clothing to describe dyeing cloth. Dip cloth in dye; color & cloth unite; they’re identified together.

Cloth known by new color: *blue* shirt, or *green* blouse. ***“Baptism”***
=> used popularly to refer to ***“identification.”***

Affirms: we’ve been identified with Christ.

Eph. 2:4-7— God gave us life *together with* Christ

God raised us *together with* Christ

God made us sit in heavenly places *together with* Christ.

=> ***we're identified with Christ*** in new life, resurrection & glorification. Same idea in **Rom. 6:3-5**.

Isn't referring to *water baptism*; NOR *Spirit baptism*.

Talking about underlying concept: **IDENTIFICATION**

Because of salvation by faith, we're identi-fied with Jesus in His death, burial, resu-rrection, & new life.

Let me **translate** "baptism:"³ *Do you not know that all of us who've been identified with Christ were identified with Him in his death? We were buried with him, by identifi-cation with His death, that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we may walk in newness of life. For if we've been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."*

Based on identification with Christ, Rom. focuses on **2 ideas**:

- * ***we've been identified with him in his death***
- * ***and identified with him in his resurrection.*** **IN**

CHRIST, I AM:

1) Dead to sin 2) Resurrected to new life

We've **died** to old lifestyle; received new lifestyle.

Therefore, **we can't go on living in sin!**

Our death to sin 6:6-7 *"We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that*

we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”

Our sinful nature was crucified with Christ.

If we're identified with Him, we've died with respect to sin. No longer controls us; we're no longer slaves of sin

Because we've died to sin, we can live a new life! =>

Our Resurrection to new life 6:8-11 *“If we died with Christ, we believe that we'll also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, **count yourselves** dead to sin but **alive** to God in Christ Jesus.”*

Death wasn't end for Christ; He rose again

Death no longer has authority over Him;

He lives forever

We died to sin, together with Him; not end for us either!

Since we're identified with Christ in His death *and* resurrection, we have new life!

God has given us new nature. We're no longer slaves to sin. We're FREE to serve Him. NOT perfect—we still sin—but we can choose to yield selves as **instruments of righteousness**. We don't have to continue old lifestyle. We enjoy freedom of **transformed life!**
Keep thinking of yourself as dead to sin; alive to God!

=> **Our practice of the truth 6:12-14** *"Don't let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³Don't offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who've been brought from death to life; & offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not be your master, because you aren't under law, but under grace."*

Neg. (=death) 6:12-13a Don't walk in sin

We've **died** to sin; no reason to obey it, or serve it!

Pos. (=resurrection) 6:13b-14 Present selves to God as new creatures=>**new life** glorifies God

We have to learn to think that way.

Changed perspective motivates us to **present selves** to God & **live a holy life** for His glory.

Keep thinking of selves as dead to sin; alive to God

Stop letting sin reign as instruments of unrighteousness

Offer selves to God, as instruments of righteousness.

Why would we want to go back to old life??!!

"You can't live as you once did

because you're no longer person you once were."

Bob George: "Imagine you own cafeteria. You hear commotion in alley. You open back door & see pitiful-look-ing person fighting stray cats for food scraps in dumpster.

"'Hey!' you yell. 'Get out of the garbage. I can't stand to see you eating garbage. Come into my cafeteria & eat.' 'I don't have any money.' 'Doesn't matter. You can eat here every day from now on!' You lead me inside. I've never seen food like this: salads, fruit,

beef, fish, chicken, cakes, pies... `Are you saying I can eat anything I want?' `Really, *ANYTHING?*' `Yes!' **May I have more garbage?**

That's the way some people live!

We're free from slavery to sin—given new life in Christ!

Why would you go back to old life—eating garbage?!!

In Christ we have everything we need to enjoy *new life!*

"WE can't live as we once did

because we're no longer the person we once were." Don't confuse *results* with *prerequisite!*

We don't change life to receive God's gift of eternal life.

Eternal life is received by trusting Christ alone!

Are ***you*** trusting Him?

When we trust Him, we become *new*

—dead to sin—alive in Christ!