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ROMANS 6

SHALL WE GO ON SINNING?



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Revelation 2:7 (NIV) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.



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I. The Question v.1

Romans 6:1 (NIV) *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?*

Romans 6:15 (NIV) *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!*

Romans 3:8 (NIV) "Let us do evil that good may result"?



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Jude 1:4 (NIV) For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.



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Rasputin – “The more a person sins, the more grace he will receive. So sin with gusto.”



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“This perverted doctrine threatens the evangelical message when Paul’s cautions in Rom 6 are forgotten. The antinomian says, “Since I am covered by the righteousness of Christ, all my sins, past, present, and future, are ‘under the Blood.’ ” Such perverted teaching, says Bonhoeffer (1995, 43; see 11), turns the justification of sinners into the justification of sinning!



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A.W. Tozer paraphrases Bonhoeffer as saying, “we shouldn’t try to get into heaven cheaply, for the grace of God would cost us everything we have. The grace of God is costly because it cost Christ His blood, and it will cost us everything-maybe even our lives.”

“Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace.”

Bonhoeffer – The Cost of Discipleship



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I. The Question v.1

Nazarene Theme Song:

“Called unto holiness,” church of our God,
Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;
Called from the world and its idols to flee,
Called from the bondage of sin to be free.



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I. The Question v.1

“Called unto holiness,” children of light,
Walking with Jesus in garments of white;
Raiment unsullied, nor tarnished with sin;
God’s Holy Spirit abiding within.



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I. The Question v.1

“Called unto holiness,” praise His dear Name!
This blessed secret to faith now made plain:
Not our own righteousness, but Christ within,
Living, and reigning, and saving from sin.
“Called unto holiness,” glorious thought!



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Up from the wilderness wanderings brought,
Out from the shadows and darkness of night,
Into the Canaan of perfect delight.



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“Called unto holiness,” bride of the Lamb,
Waiting the Bridegroom’s returning again!
Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near
When in His beauty the King shall appear.



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II. The Answer

A. Not If You have Died to Sin v.2

Romans 6:2 (NIV) By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Colossians 2:20 (NIV) Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

Colossians 3:3 (NIV) For you died, [aorist tense, past fact, again] and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.



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Romans 7:2-4 (NIV)² For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage.

³ So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she



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is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man. ⁴ So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God.



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II. The Answer

B. Not If You Are Alive to God v.4

Romans 6:4 (NIV) We 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.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!



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II. The Answer

C. Not If You Live A New Life v.4

Romans 6:4 (NIV) We 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.

1 John 3:9 (NIV) No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.



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1 John 3:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him



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Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in



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your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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D. Not If You Are United With Him v.5

Romans 6:5 (NIV) If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

John 15:4 (NIV) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



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Romans 6:5 (NIV) If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

A.W. Tozer - The Crucified Life- *“Those living the crucified life do not seek place or wealth, fame or high positions. Rather, they want to know God and to be where Jesus is.”*



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II. The Answer

D. Not If You Are United With Him v.5

Romans 6:5 (NIV) If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Philippians 3:8 (NIV) What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ



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II. The Answer

E. Not If The Old Self Is Crucified With Him v.6

Romans 6:6 (NIV) For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,



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Romans 6:6 (NIV) For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

Galatians 5:24 (NIV) Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.



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Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



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II. The Answer

F. Not If You Have Been Freed From Sin v.7

Romans 6:7 (NIV) *because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*

Romans 6:20 (NIV) *When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.*

Romans 6:22 (NIV) *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.*



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II. The Answer

F. Not If You Have Been Freed From Sin v.7

Romans 6:7 (NIV) *because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*

One born into a condition of slavery

One whose will is swallowed up in the will of another

One who is bound to the master with bounds that only death can break

One who serves his master to the disregard of his own interest



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II. The Answer

F. Not If You Have Been Freed From Sin v.7

Romans 6:7 (NIV) *because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*

We were born as slaves to sin

Our will was swallowed up and captive to the will of sin within us

Our bondage to sin was so strong that only death could break the bondage

We were so enslaved to sin that we served it to the disregard of our own interest, even when sin destroyed us



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II. The Answer

G. Not If You Refuse To Let Sin Reign In Your Life. V. 12

Romans 6:12 (NIV) Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV) "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.



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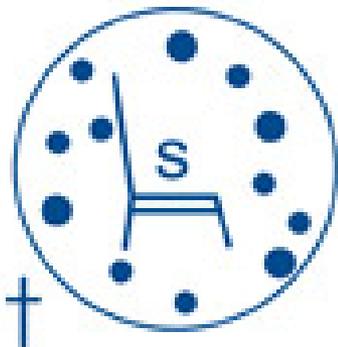
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H. Not If You Offer Yourself To God v. 13

Romans 6:13 (NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

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Natural Person (Self-Directed Life)

Self is on the throne, directing decisions and actions (represented by the dots), often resulting in frustration. Jesus is outside the life.

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Carnal Person (Self-Directed Life)

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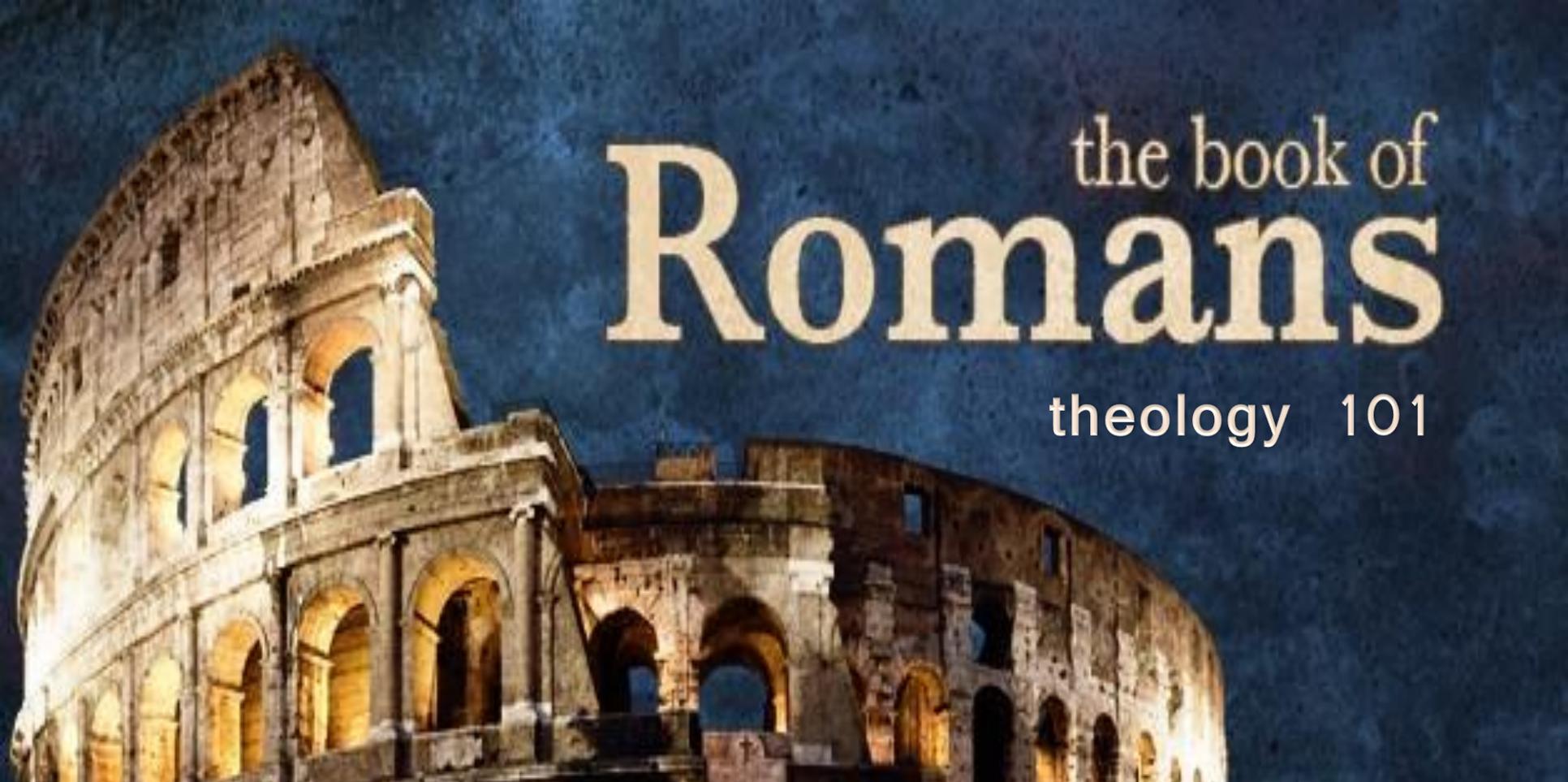
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Spiritual Person (Christ-Directed Life)

Jesus is in the life and on the throne. Self is yielding to Jesus.
The person sees Jesus' influence and direction in their life.



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