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Romans 6:1-14

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Romans 6:1-14 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. -

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5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. -

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10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12** Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. **13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. -

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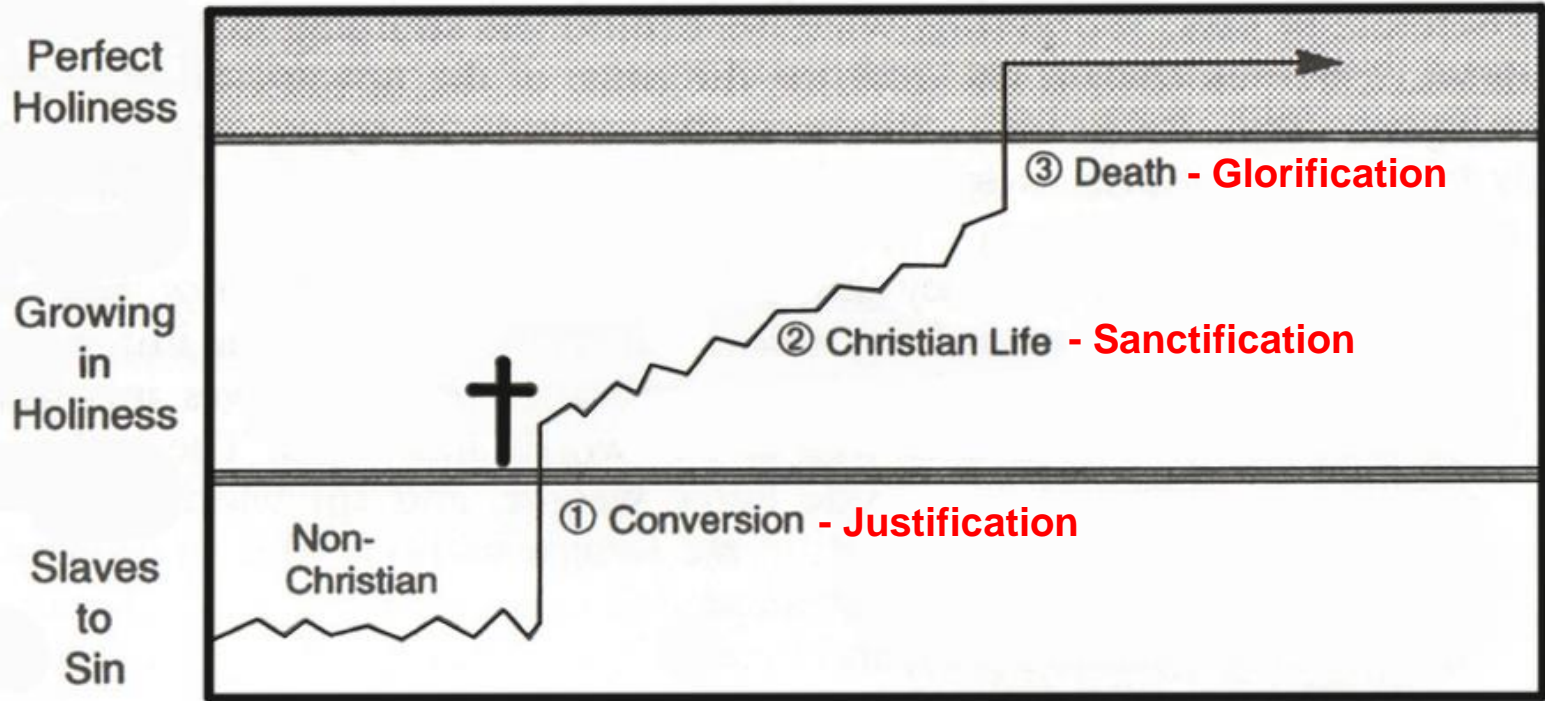
14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (ESV)

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I. We don't have to continue to live in sin.

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I. We don't have to continue to live in sin.

A. We've been crucified with Christ.

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?

- *Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

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- I. We don't have to continue to live in sin.
- B. We've been buried with Him.

4 We were buried therefore with him

- *Colossians 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

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C. We've been given a new life.

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 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

- *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

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I. We don't have to continue to live in sin.

C. We've been given a new life.

- *Ephesians 4:20-24 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*

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II. We don't have to remain enslaved to sin.

6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.

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II. We don't have to remain enslaved to sin.

- *Luke 4:18-19* “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

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II. We don't have to remain enslaved to sin.

- *John 8:31-32, 36 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

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II. We don't have to remain enslaved to sin.

- *2 Corinthians 3:17* Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- *Galatians 5:1* For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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III. We must consider ourselves dead to sin.

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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IV. We don't have to let sin reign in our lives.

A. We can choose to obey Christ.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

- *John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."*

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IV. We don't have to let sin reign in our lives.

B. We can present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness.

13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

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IV. We don't have to let sin reign in our lives.

B. We can present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness.

- *Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

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IV. We don't have to let sin reign in our lives.

C. We can be mastered by the grace of Christ.

14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

- *Genesis 4:6-7 The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”*

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