

YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST
(Romans 6:1-2)

- I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD INTRODUCED – the MESSAGE of the GOSPEL. (Rom. 1:1-17)**
- II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REQUIRED – Man’s SIN and God’s CONDEMNATION (Romans 1:18-3:20)**
- III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED – SALVATION from SIN’S PENALTY and JUSTIFICATION (Romans 3:21-5:21)**
- IV. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REPRODUCED – SALVATION From SIN’S POWER and SANCTIFICATION (Romans 6:1-8:17)**

- **Why should a believer not live in sin but serve Jesus Christ?**

- **The wrong answers:**

- 1) Because if you live in sin you will _____ your salvation. (Arminianism)
- 2) Because if you live in sin it is evident that you are not _____. (Calvinism)

- **Some right answers:**

- 1) Because if you live in sin you can lose your future _____ at the Bema Seat. (1 Cor.3:11-14)
- 2) Because if you live in sin you will experience _____ in time as God’s child. (Hebrews 12:5-11)
- 3) Because if you live in sin you can lose your _____ to the lost. (Phil.2:12-16)
- 4) Because if you live in sin you will lose your _____ with the Lord. (1 John 1:3-10)
- 5) Because the _____ should compel you to live for Him who died for you. (2 Cor.5:14-15)
- 6) Because you have _____ and should no longer live under its control. (Rom. 6:1-2)

- * **Some important observations about this section:**

- 1) **Paul has settled the issue of justification by grace and eternal security _____ he discusses your Christian walk.**
- 2) **The striking contrast between _____ and _____. (5:12-21)**
- 3) **Paul sees God’s plan for you as a believer in 3 stages: _____ (3:21-5:21); _____ (6:1-8:17); and _____ (8:18-39).**

* What is a normal objection to justification by faith?

A. POSITIONAL Sanctification. (6:1-10)

1. A Logical QUESTION... "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" (vs. 1)

a. "*What shall we say then?*" refers back to what Paul had just previously stated in chapter 5 verses 20-21.

b. "*Sin*" in verse 1 and throughout most of chapter 6-8 refers to _____.

* What is your sin nature like?

2. An Emotional ANSWER... "*Certainly not!*" (vs. 2a)

a. **Principle to remember:** The grace of God and our freedom in Christ have never been designed to be a _____.

b. What does this mean practically?

1. Your freedom in Christ does not mean that God wants you to _____.

2. Your freedom in Christ is not only designed to assure you of Heaven but to prepare you for further _____ on earth.

3. A Theological REASON... "*How shall we who died to sin, live any longer in it?*" (vs. 2b)

a. "*We*" refers only to _____.

b. "*Died to sin*" is a fact about every believer's _____, while "*live any longer in it*" should refer to his _____.

* **Principle to remember:** You must clearly know the difference between your _____ or _____.

* What does "*died to sin*" mean?

- It does not mean that... sin is dead in me (that would be eradication).
- It does not mean that... we should die to sin (this is a fact; not a command).
- It does not mean that... we are dying to sin (this is an aorist verb, not a present tense).
- It does mean that every believer has been _____, so that we have been _____ from the sin nature's right to rule in our lives.

* What does all of this mean to you?