

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

- I. **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD INTRODUCED – the MESSAGE of the GOSPEL.**
(Romans 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 SINS POWER and SANCTIFICATION (Romans 6:1-8:17)**

* 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?

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

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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.

2. **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?

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