

"SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN ?"

Romans 6

Int.

1. Aim: To show that the text of Romans 6 says our relationship to sin has changed.
2. Romans written by Paul to the Christians at Rome
 - a. They had obeyed the gospel of Christ
 - b. But they were mis-informed about the grace of God.
 - c. The gospel teaches in Rm. 5:20 that "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:"
 - d. The church faced a problem -
 - i. The members were continuing their sins after being baptized into Christ.
 - ii. They believed that the more they sinned the more God's grace would abound in their life.
3. So in Rom. 6:1 Paul asks the question "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"
4. There are at least four answers given:
 - a. God forbids it v. 2
 - b. Knowledge forbids it v. 3
 - c. The Christians resurrection forbids it v. 4-5
 - d. The Sinners crucifixion forbids it. V. 6-7
5. Shall we continue in sin???

Discussion

I. GOD FORBIDS IT - v. 2

- A. "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"
- B. Verse 2
 1. God forbid "Certainly Not" NKJV "Heaven Forbid"
 - a. Let it not be - Perish the thought
 - b. By no means - it may not be
 - c. Let not such a thing be mentioned
 2. Dead to sin
 - a. To die to sin is to cease to live in sin
 - b. Paul died to sin - it was as if he had died and been buried at Damascus
 3. How shall we live therein?
 - a. The answer! It is impossible.
 - b. Ill. Those who died last week are no longer walking our streets or driving around our town.
 - c. Obituaries list the names of people who died. They are no longer going to be active in their community.
- C. Repentance demands death to sin
 1. Acts 2:38 = Repent and be baptized
 2. Romans 6:16-18 - we are free from sin and become servants of righteousness
 3. Col. 3:3,5 Mortify - put to death V. 5 "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

- D. God has always forbidden sin in the scriptures.
1. He has not made one person as an exception.
 2. No special license has ever been issued to any child of God giving them liberty to sin.
 3. "The soul who sins shall die". - Ezk.18:4 NKJV
 4. "The wages of sin is death;..." Rm. 6:23
- E. Shall we continue in sin? No way! God forbids it.

II. KNOWLEDGE FORBIDS IT - v. 3

- A. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Phrase "Know ye not" is translated "Or are ye ignorant" ASV
- B. Verse 3
1. Know ye not
 - a. He explains how Christians are dead to sin
 - b. Are you ignorant? They know but he asks anyway for emphasis
 - c. All of these that Paul was addressing had been baptized into Christ.
 2. That so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ
 - a. Gal. 3:27 "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
 - b. II Cor. 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
 - c. Baptism is a burial in water -
 - d. Death to sin occurs in baptism
 - e. I am baptized into Christ

3. Were baptized into his death
 - a. Our old self has died to sin - just as Christ died
 - b. This is the time that we die to sin
 - c. Baptism places us into Christ - his death was for our sins - so we die to sin.
 - d. Our old self has died - Christ has taken his place

C. This knowledge forbids our continuing in sin

1. We have been baptized into his death
2. Christ is the savior of the world
3. Therefore when we are in Christ we must Cease sin!

III. THE CHRISTIAN'S RESURRECTION FORBIDS IT - v. 4 & 5

- A. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."
- B. Verse 4
 1. Buried by baptism
 - a. Baptism is a burial, immersion
 - b. Person is momentarily buried in water
 2. Into death
 - a. Christ died on Calvary - we die to sins
 - b. The time of death for the sinner is at baptism
 - c. This act of baptism represents the complete ending of a life of sin.

3. Christ raised by the glory of the Father
 - a. God's power raised Jesus from the grave
 - b. We are raised from baptism to walk no more in sin
4. We walk in newness of life
 - a. Dying - rising again — new different life
 - b. This new kind of life is permanent - it will be obvious to all around us.

C. V. 5

1. Planted in likeness of his death
 - a. Planted = united with Christ
 - b. Likeness of his death - baptism into Christ is likeness
2. Also in likeness of his resurrection
 - a. Burial in water then a coming forth out of water
 - b. Resurrected to a new life

D. Resurrection forbids sinning

1. This resurrection forbids us having anything to do with our past life of sin.
2. We are separated from our sins!

E. Shall we continue in Sin? No! We have died and been resurrected to a new way of life.

IV. THE SINNER'S CRUCIFIXION FORBIDS IT - v. 6 & 7

- A. "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.' "For he that is dead is freed from sin."
- B. V. 6
1. Old man crucified with him
 - a. Former self was sinful
 - b. Gal. 2:20 — Paul feels like another person who has undergone a change as complete as Death
 - c. Eph. 4:22-24 Put off the old man - put on the new man
 2. Body of Sin destroyed
 - a. Our old body is dead in relation to sin
 - b. Col. 3:9 NKJV "Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,"
 - c. Every time a person becomes a Christian, a sinner dies!!
 3. Should not serve sin
 - a. No longer a slave to sin
 - b. When a slave dies, his master no longer has dominion over him
- C. V. 7
1. Dead - freed from sin
 - a. Released, delivered from sin
 - b. He that died with Christ can no longer live in sin
 2. In verse 1 the question was asked "Shall we continue in sin?" Paul has answered this in verses 2-7

D. Crucified with Christ

1. Crucifixion is painful. Death by crucifixion is one of the slowest yet most painful ways for a man to die.
2. There is no easy way to separate ourselves from that old man in his sin. It is slow and it is painful.
3. I Pet. 4:1-2 "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."
4. The price to pay to rid one's life of sin is to be crucified with Christ.
5. Sin must be destroyed, it cannot be tolerated in the Christian life.

CONCLUSION

1. The Christian has to face the question "Shall I continue in sin"
 - a. The answer is "NO!"
 - b. Sin has to be put to death - it must be buried, it must crucified, it must be destroyed.
2. It is forbidden by:
 - a. God - v. 2
 - b. Our knowledge - v. 3
 - c. Our resurrection - v. 4-5
 - d. Our crucifixion - v. 6-7

3. What about those of you who are out of Christ, "Will you continue in sin?"
 - a. If you do you will die in your sins and be lost
 - b. Obey the gospel and be forgiven
 - c. B.R.C.B = Sal.
 - d. Be baptized into Christ and planted in the likeness of the death and resurrection.
4. Romans 6:11 "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
5. We have the power of decision
 - a. We can be the servant of sin
 - b. Or we can be the servant of righteousness.
6. Our choice determines our destiny:
 - a. Sin = death
 - b. Righteousness = eternal life.

Sources

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