

## The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

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Romans Summary:

*Justified by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone – apart from any works or merit*

### Two Realms

#### In Adam

Reign of Sin and Death  
 Condemnation  
 Inherited Corruption  
 Ours by Nature

#### In Christ

Reign of Life and Grace  
 Justification  
 Gift of Righteousness  
 Ours by Grace

*"And the Law came in that transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." (Romans 5:20)*

#### 1. The Question

*"What shall we say then? Should we continue in sin that grace might increase?" (Romans 6:1)*

➤ Possible Answers/Solutions:

- Legalism – addition of Law to keep people from abusing grace
- License – believers may continue in sin without any change or sanctification

#### 2. Paul's Answer

*"May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (Romans 6:2)*

- we can't! – it is ultimately not possible for the believer to live in sin

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- *"died to sin"* – a decisive separation from the rule or realm of sin

*(when and how? – in the death of Christ through baptism)*

- *"live in sin"* – a habitual practice of sin; one's life is characterized by sin

## ➤ *Implications*

1. Living a life pleasing to God flows from the real experience of liberation from sin's domain (*"we have died to sin"*)
2. Sin remains a real threat – it is possible at times and in degrees to live in a way that is inconsistent with the reality that we have died to sin