

Romans 6:1-14 "The Scandal and Sanctifying Power of Grace"

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(vs. 1) The passage opens with Paul articulating a critique. If our relationship with God is based upon grace alone, if his forgiveness covers everything I have or will ever do, if my future is secure in him, then why not sin?

1. Have you encountered examples of people treating grace as if it were license to sin?
2. (vs. 2-10) Paul will tell us that before Jesus' death and resurrection sin and death operated in our lives a certain way. After Jesus' death and resurrection sin and death operate in our lives very differently. If we are in Christ what is our relationship now with sin and death?
3. What are the signs that a person is no longer under the "mastery" (v. 14) and the "reign" (v. 12) of sin?
4. (vs. 11) What would it look like to "consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God"? What impact would this have on our lives?
5. (vs. 12-13) Paul invites us to present our members (Voice, eyes, ears, hands, feet, etc) not to sin, but to God for righteousness sake. What would it look like to present our members to God for righteousness sake?
6. In light of your discussion how would you answer Paul's original question - Does grace give us a license to sin?
7. What motivations for living holy lives are taken off the table in this teaching? What motivation(s) are we left with?