



Lesson #4: Shall we go on sinning? (Romans 6:1)

Questions are indeed an important part of the human experience but questions can also by nature be very probing. Though we are only four lessons into this series we have already begun to see that life has questions and the Bible has _____.

Tonight I call your attention to an important question. Paul asks, *“Shall we go on sinning that _____ may _____.”* In his next 14 verses Paul will primarily focus on _____ we should obey Christ. If this passage is understood and applied, it has the potential to transform our lives as we discover new confidence, power, and purpose.

Paul will argue that **right _____ and right _____ will always result in right _____.**

NO! YOU HAVE THE _____ TO STOP

Paul is instructing us to pay attention.

“_____ this, that our old man is crucified with him.” (6:6)

“Knowing this” is finding out that the old man is crucified. Many of us have sung the song *“Victory in Jesus”* but maybe you are tempted to think, *“If life is so victorious why am I such a loser?”* The problem is that we give too much credit and too much power to the _____. If you are going to use a black dog to represent the old nature and a white dog to represent the new nature you are going to need to change the old Indian chief’s analogy a bit.

- Make the white dog (the new nature) a _____
- Make the black dog (the old nature) a _____

You see, we’ve almost geared ourselves up to sinning. It’s almost like we have to prove that we’re *“once saved always saved so let’s keep sinning.”* Paul almost can’t believe this line of thinking. *“_____!”* he writes twice in these verses (6:1 and 6:15).

The Bible says that the old man is *“crucified.”* To me that doesn’t sound like it’s just handicapped. That sounds like it’s _____! All the power for living a holy life is found right there in Romans 6:6.

NO! YOU HAVE A _____ WITH GOD

Paul has made it clear that we need to *“know”* something but now he says we need to *“_____”* something else to be true (Romans 6:11).

You need to look into the record and acknowledge your new standing with Christ.

1. Christians have been baptized into the _____ of Christ (Romans 6:3)
2. Christians have been _____ with Christ through the baptism into death (Romans 6:4a)
3. Christians have been united with Christ in his death and also similarly in his _____ (Romans 6:5)

This is our new position yet our problem is that we don’t necessarily respond to what is truth, we respond to what we _____ is truth. Don’t believe the lie of the devil who has told you that you are still his property. No you’re not! You have a new position with God!

NO! YOU HAVE BEEN _____ WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

We’ve already considered *“knowing”* (6:1) and *“reckoning”* (6:11) but there’s a third word that I want to give you. The word we focus on now is the word *“_____”* (6:12-13).

Too many Christians are living as dead people but their dead to the wrong things. What Paul is telling us is that when we got saved, we were placed into the body of Christ. We are in Him this evening (Colossians 3:3; Ephesians 2:6). Now, therefore, stop _____ to the dead stuff of dead men. Our reality is different than the world’s. We have a brand new nature. We are no longer posted in the mire and muck of this world unable to free ourselves.

NO! YOU HAVE A _____ TO SERVE

The final word I want us to take note of in Romans 6 is the word *“_____”* (6:16-17).

We’re orthodox so we say things like, *“Salvation is not of _____!”* It’s our battle cry so we don’t do any. We forget the rest of that passage.

“Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his _____, created in Christ Jesus unto good _____.” (Ephesians 2:9-10)

When a person received Jesus as Savior, that person becomes partaker of His death, and at the same instant he becomes a partaker of His _____. Since this is true the believer must therefore walk in a manner consistent with his new life.

Concluding Thoughts

“They taught us how to walk on the moon but nobody told us how to _____ on the earth” said Buzz Aldrin when reflecting on the 10 year anniversary of man’s journey to the moon. Mankind (saved and unsaved alike) struggles to know what this life is all about. In Romans 6 Paul outlines for us how we are supposed to live on earth.