**Romans Chapter 5 - 6**

**Romans 5:20-21** Moreover **the law entered**, **that the offence might abound**. But where sin abounded, **grace did much more abound**: That as sin hath reigned unto death, **even so might grace reign** through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

**God is interested in you knowing you are a sinner. That is why the law entered.**

**Romans chapter 5 is filled with references about our sin problem.**

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Isaiah 59:1** Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **vs.** **2** But **your iniquities** have separated between you and your God, and **your sins** have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

**Ephesians 2:1** And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in **trespasses and sins**;

Make no mistake about it! God requires a man to acknowledge his sin, repent of it, and receive Jesus Christ.

**Furthermore, through the law we understand that God is holy. We learn much about him through his law.** Some Christians would suggest that we shouldn’t apply the law to our lives today. That may be true for salvation, but God’s law is still good for man. **Deuteronomy 10:13** To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

**Romans 3:31** Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: **yea, we establish the law**.

**Romans 7:12** Wherefore the law *is* **holy**, and the commandment holy, and **just**, and **good**.

**BUT, the law could not take away sins and justify a man…**

**Romans 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

**Romans 6:1-2** What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin**, that grace may abound? **vs. 2 God forbid**. How shall we, that are **dead to sin**, live any longer therein?

**The question is this, “Shall we continue in our old, sinful lifestyle since grace is so abundant?” God forbid.**

**First**, that is not how we received grace in the first place. We received grace by acknowledging our sin and repenting of it. If you forgave someone who stole from you, would you be pleased to find out they stole again? If you forgave someone who killed your loved one, did you do it so they would be free to kill again?

**Second**, verse two says that once we are saved we are **dead to sin. Romans 6:11-23**

**Colossians 3:3** For ye are **dead**… **Romans 6:2** How shall we, **that are dead to sin**… **Romans 6:7** For he that is **dead** is freed from sin. **Romans 6:8** Now if we be **dead** with Christ… **Romans 6:11 dead** indeed unto sin… **Romans 8:10** And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* **dead** because of sin…

**Although We May Determine To Put Down Sin In Our Lives, We Have Not Achieved Sinless Perfection**

**Romans 6:7** For he that is dead is **freed from sin**. We are sinless in Christ but we still have a sinful body.

**1 John 3:9** Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: **and he cannot sin**, because he is born of God. We are sinless in Jesus Christ. Our soul has been separated from our flesh.

**The Born Again Believer Has Two Natures In Him
Galatians 5:16-17** *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**1 Peter 4:1-4** Tells us we can cease from sin as we deny the flesh.

**Galatians 5:22-23** Says there is no law against the fruits of the spirit.

**Romans 6:3-6.** These verses in **NO WAY** teach that we are baptized **“into Jesus Christ”** and **“into his death”** by water.

This can only be the “one” baptism of **Eph. 4:5** which is “Holy Spirit” baptism upon being born again. **1 Cor. 12:13.** Water baptism is simply a “like figure” of what happens to the believer upon salvation. **1 Peter 3:21**