

Romans 6:1-4  
"Answer to Common  
Question"

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## 1. Introduction

- a. Paul wrote letter to Christian church(s) in Rome
  - Paul dictated the letter
  - Tertius wrote down Paul's words (Rom 16:22)
  - \* written in city of ~~Thyatira~~ ~~(Acts 16:11)~~ at Derbe in Galatia on Aegean coast in modern day Turkey (Acts 20:4) & (Rom 16:23)
- b. Rome capital city - politically important
- c. Question: shall we continue in sin that grace may multiply?
- d. Christians justified by Christ's death on the cross
  - justified: declared righteous in God's sight (as if never sinned)

## 2. Question in Practice (vs 1-2)

- a. Based on pragmatism
  - Does it work?
  - grace? I can continue in old practices?
- b. Christian view - how to have victory in Christian life
- c. Question answered with truth
  - "God forbid"
  - God does not agree with sin-sin-sin

- 2d. Christian considered as dead to sin (Rom 6:12)
- living any longer in sin?
  - \* very bad practice
3. Question of Identity (vs. 3)
- Christian baptized into Jesus' death
    - Christian identifies with Jesus' actions
  - In baptism
    - baptism picture of Jesus death, burial, & resurrection
    - Christian baptized into Christ Jesus
    - 1 Cor 12:13 baptized into one body of Christ
  - In death
    - Rom 6:6 old man crucified with Christ
    - Col 3:9 Put off the old man
    - Eph 4:22 old man corrupt according to deceitful lusts
4. Proclamation of Victory (vs 4)
- Buried with Christ
    - \* through baptism into death
  - Rises from the dead
    - \* raised from the dead
  - Victory of newness of life
    - 1 Cor 15:55-57 victory through our Lord Jesus Christ
    - Philp 3:9-10
      - \* through faith in Christ
      - \* that I may know Christ
      - \* that I may know the power of Christ's resurrection
    - Christian should also walk in newness of life
    - Eph 4:23-24 renewed in the spirit of your mind
      - \* put on the new man