

IS IT ALRIGHT FOR A CHRISTIAN TO KEEP ON SINNING?

Romans 6:1-23

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: There is no doubt that everyone is a sinner according to God's Word and sin is what separated one from God. When a person is saved, it is through Jesus and all that He did for sinful mankind. God sees Jesus' shed blood and death as being payment for the sins of people, so when a person is saved, his/her sins are removed and he/she is free from the condemnation that sin brings. So, is it alright for a saved person, a Christian to keep on sinning since his/her sins have been forgiven? Sadly many people are living as though they don't have to worry about their sins anymore and can go ahead and sin without any worry, just admitting to God now and then that they have sinned, so is it alright if the Christian continues on in sin?

I. CHRISTIANS HAVE DIED TO SIN (V2)

1. A believer in Jesus, a Christian, was crucified with Christ upon being baptised (vv3-4)
 - Baptism is a burial unto the death of Jesus.
 - Baptism is where the believer, Christian was crucified with Jesus - Romans 6:6
 - Baptism, not repentance, is where one dies to sin.
 - Having been "crucified" with Christ should impact how the Christian lives - Galatians 2:20
2. A believer in Jesus, a Christian, can then walk in newness of life (vv4-5)
 - Just as Jesus rose from the grave, so the believer rises from baptism to walk in newness of life.
 - A Christian (believer) is then a new creation in Jesus Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:17
3. A believer in Jesus, a Christian, is no longer a slave to/of sin - (vv6-7)
 - The very purpose of dying to sin in baptism is to be free from sin.
4. The believer (Christian) can then live with Jesus Christ - (vv8-10)
 - Jesus Christ now lives with God in newness of life.
 - Because the believer (Christian) died with Jesus, so can he/she - Ephesians 2:4-6

II. A CHRISTIAN IS ALIVE TO GOD (V 11)

1. Being alive to God, sin does not have to reign in the believer (v12)
 - Being dead in sin the believer can choose to not let sin reign again.
 - The believer is no longer a debtor to sin - Romans 8:12-13
2. The body of the believer can now be an instrument of righteousness (v13)
 - The believer can present him/herself to God.
 - The believer is alive from the dead.
 - The believer can be an instrument of righteousness to God.
 - A Christian can now glorify God even with his/her body - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
3. God's grace has freed the believer (Christian) from the domination of sin - (v14)
 - Sin no longer needs to be the master of the believer.
 - The believer has been set free in Jesus Christ - Romans 8:1-2
 - The believer's freedom is not a license to go back into sin

III. THE CHRISTIAN IS TO BECOME A "SLAVE" OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT SIN (19)

1. A person is a "slave" to whatever he/she obeys (vv15, 16)
 - Receiving grace is no excuse to sin.
 - A Christian is either a slave of sin or a slave of righteousness.
 - If a Christian continues in sin, he/she is once again a slave of sin - John 8:34
 - Continuing in sin for a Christian makes things worse - 2 Peter 2:20-22
2. Christians are to become "slaves" of righteousness (vv17-18)
 - Once a Christian was a slave of sin.
 - When a Christian obeyed from his/her heart the Gospel, he/she was set free from sin.
 - Not just sin's condemnation, but also sin's dominion - Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 8:1-2, 12-13
 - The Christian has been set free so he/she can become a slave of righteousness.
3. Christians are to serve righteousness as he/she once served sin (v19)
 - Once the believer offered his/her body to be a slave of sin.
 - After being saved, the believer now offers his/her body to be a slave of righteousness for the purpose of producing holiness - 1 Peter 1:14-16

IV. THE CHRISTIAN IS NOT TO GO BACK INTO SIN FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH (23)

1. The fruit (result) of slavery to sin is death (vv20, 21)
 - The end of those enslaved to sin is "death."
 - "Death" is being separated from God
 - Living in sin separates one from God during one's lifetime - Isaiah 59:1-2
 - Dying while still in sin separates one from God for eternity - Revelation 21:8
2. The grace of God offers eternal life to those who believe in Jesus - (vv22-23)
 - By God's grace the believer has been set free from sin - romans 6:2-14; Titus 3:4-7
 - By God's grace the believer can be a slave to God through continued obedience o- Romans 6:15-19
 - By God's grace the believer can produce the fruit of holiness, which leads to eternal life - Romans 6;22

CONCLUSION:

1. Shall the Christian continue in Sin? Certainly NOT! - Romans 6:2, 15
 - It's not to be even thought of - Not at all - Be it far from us - Of course not - May it never happen - Far be it - Never - By no means - Certainly not - Heaven forbid - God forbid, etc..
2. Have YOU been set free from sin? Have you become enslaved to sin once again? The grace of God can deliver you from the guilt and power of sin NOW!