

**Freedom from Sin's Reign**  
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- Why should I, as a Christian, be concerned about sin?

In light of Romans 6, we need to answer this question by talking about five things:

### **1. Antinomianism**

*What is antinomianism? Is it a problem? If so how?*

The glorious truth of the gospel (that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone), from the beginning, has brought up the question of whether we need to be concerned about sin.

*Two Questions*

- Should Christians be concerned about whether they live a life of sin? (1)
- Should Christians be concerned about whether they commit any sin? (15)

“If your preaching of the gospel of God's free grace in Jesus Christ does not provoke the charge from some of antinomianism, you're not preaching the gospel of the free grace of God in Jesus Christ.” — David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

<sup>8</sup> And why not *say* (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just. – Romans 3:8

### **2. Union with Christ**

*What does it mean to be ‘united with Christ’? or ‘union with Christ’?*

I am united with Christ so ...

- The benefits of Christ's past actions become mine. (Romans 5:1-2)
- The present resources of Christ are available to me.
- The future of Christ is my future.
- What I do involves Christ. – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

### **3. Freedom from Sin**

*What things come to mind when you think of ‘who we are in Christ’?*

Sin is contrary to what is true of us in Christ.

*What is true of us in Christ?*

- We have died to sin. (2-3)
- We have been raised. (4-5)
- Sin will not be our master. (14)
- Obedience shows our master. (16)
- We are slaves of righteousness. (17-18)
- We are enslaved to God. (22)
- We are free from sin. We don't have to sin. (2, 6, 7, 11, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. – 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### **4. The Command of God to Love**

God commands us to not sin, but to live for Him. (8-11, 12, 13, 19-20)

*What is sin?*

- Sin is the failure to love God. (Matthew 22:36-40)
- Sin is the failure to love people. (Romans 13:8-10)
- Sin is the failure to glorify God. (Romans 3:23)
- Sin is disobedience to God's Law. (1 John 3:4)
- Sin is failure to trust God. (Hebrews 3:19; 11:6)
- Sin is the pursuit of death. (Romans 6:23)
- Sin is a personal problem. (Matthew 15:10-20)

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:1-2

#### **5. The Pursuit of Happiness**

*What is the rationale for sin? Why sin?*

Sin is contrary to the pursuit of happiness in God through Christ. But it seems harmless and helpful and a source of help and happiness.

- Why sin when that is what your old life was all about? (6)
- Why sin when you've been freed from it? (7)
- Why sin when Jesus came to free us from sin? (10-11)
- Why sin when, in coming to Christ, you repented of your sin? (16-18)
- Why sin when it brings death, not life or what it promises? (21, 23)
- Why sin when obedience brings enjoyment of God? (22-23) – John 15:10-11