

# “Shall We Continue in Sin ... ?”

Romans 6:1

## Introduction:

- A. The reason for the question (5:20-21)
- B. The short answer to the question (v. 2)
- C. The detailed reasons for the answer (3-23)
  - 1. Divided into 3 sections – each begins with a question (vv. 3, 15, 21)
  - 2. Each section makes an **argument** for not continuing in sin.

## Discussion:

- I. We Should Not Continue in Sin Because of *Our Baptism* (vv. 3-14)**
  - A. We were buried and planted in baptism (v. 4, 5).
    - 1. Required “much water” (John 3:23)
    - 2. Required “going down into water” (Acts 8:38, 39)
  - B. We died to sin in baptism.
    - 1. In likeness of death of Christ (vv. 3-5).
    - 2. Died to both guilt and practice of sin (v. 6-7)
  - C. We were raised in baptism.
    - 1. Raised to new life (v. 4).
    - 2. In likeness of Christ’s resurrection (vv. 9-13).
- II. We Should Not Continue in Sin Because of *Our Commitment* (vv. 15-20)**
  - A. Two choices or commitments available (v. 16).
    - 1. Free will choices – “yield yourselves”
    - 2. Were not born to sin – made choice at some time.
  - B. Choice or commitment made in obeying gospel (v. 17; cf. Matt 28:18-20).
    - 1. Choose not to serve sin any longer (v. 18).
    - 2. Urged to follow through with commitment (vv. 19-20).
  - C. No longer dominated by sin, but righteousness (v. 14, 20)
    - 1. Servants of sin occasionally do righteousness – not dominated by it.
    - 2. Servants of righteousness occasionally sin – not dominated by it. (cf. 1 John 1:8, 9).
- III. We Should Not Continue in Sin Because of *Our Destiny* (21-23)**
  - A. As servants of sin our destiny is death.
  - B. As servants of God our destiny is eternal life.
  - C. Two lives with two different kinds of fruit (cf. Gal. 6:7,8)
    - 1. Ought to be ashamed of life of sin – only produces death (v. 21).
    - 2. Ought not be ashamed life of holiness – produces life.

## Conclusion:

- A. Shall we continue in sin – God forbid!
- B. Do not continue in sin as a sinner – obey and be forgiven.
- C. Do not continue in sin as a Christian – Ask forgiveness and continually obey God.