

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Denise Carter | Ukraine



PRAISE

- Praise God for evangelistic outreaches to people coming for humanitarian aid.
- Praise God for our youth group leaders that faithfully serve the youth in Petrovka and for the new youth that are attending.

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PRAY

- Pray for Vlas, Julie, Nastya and Nicola to come to know Jesus. These teens have been attending my discipleship group for four years.
- Pray for the presence of Christ to be evident in our church member's lives. Approximately 75% of the people attending do not know Jesus as Savior.
- Pray for the war in Ukraine to end. On February 24 it will be two years since the war started.



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Study Date: 09/07/25

Paul Ask: Shall We Continue In Our Sin

The verse Romans 6:1 is a pivotal question posed by Apostle Paul. He is addressing a vital topic that many Christians wrestle with: the relationship between sin and grace. The question "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?" suggests an important theological discussion. It plays on the idea that if grace is a gift that comes from God, does it mean that we can sin freely to experience more of God's grace? Paul challenges this notion profoundly. This question sets the stage for a deeper exploration of what it means to live a life in accordance with God's grace while still being in a world where sin exists.

The context of this query reveals the tension between human behavior and divine forgiveness. While God's grace is limitless, encouraging believers to seek His forgiveness wholeheartedly, it poses the risk of misunderstanding the purpose of grace. Believers may feel tempted to think that they can continue in their sinful ways since grace will cover them. Hence, Paul questions this rationale, prompting readers to consider the deeper implications of true faith and what it genuinely means to be a follower of Christ.

In this scripture, Paul's question is more than just a rhetorical device. He anticipates the argument that may arise from his previous statements about grace. The promise of grace is substantial and essential for believers, as it assures them that no matter how far they stumble, God's love and mercy are available to restore them. However, Paul wants us to realize that merely accepting grace without changing our lives is deceptive.

Transitioning from sin doesn't mean perfection, but it signifies a heart that desires to shift away from behavior that separates us from God. Paul isn't dismissing sin lightly. He recognizes that each time we choose to follow our own desires—that which leads us away from God—we risk falling further into a cycle of sin. His warning against the idea of taking grace for granted is clear. It breeds apathy and a lack of commitment to living a life in harmony with God's will.

When we consider Romans 6:1, we should remember that sin separates us from God and damages our relationship with Him. It's not about maintaining a checklist of do's and don'ts. True freedom comes from a heartfelt desire to honor God and live righteously. This perspective allows grace to function as an enabler, encouraging us to run away from sin while simultaneously exhibiting the grace we were freely given.

Resource: Explainingthebible.com

KEY VERSE

Romans 6:1 (NKJV)

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in our sin that grace may abound?”

Read Romans 6:1-14 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 6:1; I John 3:4; Titus 2:11-12; I Thess. 4:3-4

Introduction

1. How does I John 3:4 define sin? What is it compared to? And what *“has appeared to all men?”* (Titus 2:11-12) What have we been given?
2. What are we being called to in I Thessalonians 4:3-4? How must we go about *“possessing our own vessel in sanctification and honor?”*

Tuesday: Romans 6:2-10; John 8:32; Eph. 4:22-24; Gal. 2:20

Know

3. How have you transitioned to the *“new man”* referenced in Ephesians 4:24? What is *your* daily process for being *“renewed in the spirit of your mind?”*
4. What does Romans 6:3-5 teach us about our *“new life”* in Christ? How exactly is Christ’s death on the cross connected to our *“newness of life?”*

Wednesday: I John 4:4; Hebrews 11:1; Romans 6:11

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5. I John 4:4 is one of my favorite and most often *“used”* scriptures in the Bible. It reminds US of God’s power over *“who?”*
6. What is *your* definition of faith and belief? How does it compare to that which is given to us in Hebrews 11:1?

Thursday: I Peter 1:14-16; James 1:13-15

Present Is Willful Sanctification

7. Sanctification is one of my most *researched* terms from the Bible. How would YOU describe it to a new believer?
8. What are we to pursue according to I Peter 1:14-16 to stay on the forward path of sanctification? We are called to be what *“in all our conduct?”*
9. What within us do we need to *beware of* according to James 1:14-15? What *“gives birth to sin?”*

Friday: Romans 6:12-13; Romans 12:1; I Corinthians 6:19-20

Present Means To Yield

10. What clear direction is Romans 6:12-13 giving us as to how to proceed in life? How *often* are you achieving *“righteousness?”*
11. What is your interpretation of being the *“living sacrifice”* in Romans 12:1? What does that lifestyle look like, and who do you know that lives it?
12. How much has I Corinthians 6:19-20 impacted YOUR life? Knowing that your body houses the *“Holy Spirit,”* has it changed your lifestyle?