"SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN?"

Romans 6:1

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INTRODUCTION

1. In this verse, Paul is dealing with a possible objection to what he had said in Romans 5:20 -- "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:"

2. Paul knew some would come to this erroneous conclusion -- if God's grace abounds where sin abounds, why not keep on sinning so that grace may abound the more.

3. The answer: Romans 6: 2; 6:12

4. We want to take the question, "Shall we continue in sin?" to draw a lesson.

I. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW ITS ORIGIN?

1. Sin had its beginning with the Devil and his angels -- 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; John 8:44; I John 3:8; 2 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 12:9.

2. Sin entered the world by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden -- Gen. 3: 1 - 6; Rom. 5:12

3. Sin originated with the Devil -- I John 3:8

4. The Devil tempts us to sin -- I Cor. 7:5; Matt. 4: 1 - 10; I Cor. 10:13

5. Sin is of the Devil and when we sin we are his servants -- Rom. 6:16; John 8:34

6. If we are his servants, we are his children -- I John 3:10.

II. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW IT SEPARATES US FROM GOD?

1. Isa. 59: 1 - 2; Gen. 2:17

2. Rom. 6:23

3. If we die in sin we will be eternally separated from God -- Rev. 20: 14; 2 Thess. 1: 8 - 10

III. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW ITS HISTORY?

1. The history of sin is dark and dreadful.

2. Sin begins in the world in defiance against God -- Gen. 3: 1,4

3. The history of sin is a story of shame and disgrace:

   (1) Sin caused Adam and Eve to be driven from the Garden -- Gen. 3: 23 - 24

   (2) Sin caused Cain to kill Abel -- Gen. 4:8; I John 3:12

   (3) Sin caused God to bring a flood upon the world -- Gen. 6: 1 - 11

   (4) Sin caused the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to be destroyed -- Gen. 18:20; II Pet. 2:6; Jude 7

   (5) The sin of adultery brought great shame to David -- 2 Sam. 11:12 - 12:10

   (6) Noah's drunkeness brought shame to his family -- Gen. 9: 21 - 25
IV. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW ITS TREND?

1. The trend of sin has always been, and it always shall be, DOWNWARD -- 2 Tim. 3:13

   (1) Sin destroys reputations, good names, marital happiness and self respect.

2. Sin progresses in our lives:

   (1) Progressiveness of sin in David's life:

      1. First he was IDLE -- 2 Sam. 11:2
      2. Second he LUSTED -- 2 Sam. 11:2; Matt. 5:28; Job 31:1
      3. Third he committed FORNICATION or ADULTERY -- 2 Sam. 11:4
      4. Fourth -- TREACHERY -- 2 Sam. 11:6-17
      5. Fifth -- MURDER -- 2 Sam. 11:15

   (2) The Progressiveness of Apostasy -- II Tim. 4:2-5

      1. An ATTITUDE -- NOT ENDURE -- LIBERALISM
      2. Heap to themselves teachers.
      3. Turn away their ears from the truth.
      4. Turned unto fables.

V. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW THE WAY OF SIN IS HARD?

1. Prov. 13:15 -- "The way of transgressors is hard"

2. Sin is hard because we become enslaved to it -- II Pet. 2:19

   (1) John 8:34
   (2) Rom. 6:16-17
   (3) We become such "slaves" to sin we think we cannot give it up.

      1. Prov. 5:22 -- "An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him" NLT

3. Sin is hard because it has no lasting joy -- Heb. 11:25

4. Sin is hard because there is no peace of mind -- Psa. 51:3

5. Sin is hard because there is no hope -- John 8:21

VI. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW THE PAYDAY FOR SIN?

1. Everything should be measured by the outcome -- the ultimate end.

2. Sin costs one his reputation -- Prov. 6:33 -- "wounds and constant disgrace are his lot. His shame will never be erased." NLT

3. Sin costs one his health -- Rom. 1:27
4. Sin costs one his self-respect.

5. Sin costs one his soul in hell -- Matt. 25:41

6. The payday for sin can be summed up this way:

   (1) DEATH -- separation from God -- Rom. 6:23
   (2) SUFFERING here upon this earth -- Gal. 6: 7 - 8
   (3) ETERNAL SEPARATION from God and PUNISHMENT in hell -- Rev. 20: 14 - 15

VII. SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN WHEN WE KNOW ITS REMEDY?

1. Jesus is the Great Physician -- Luke 5: 30 - 32

2. The Remedy: Heb. 2: 14 - 15; Rom. 6: 23; Matt. 26:28; Rom. 1  : 16

   (1) FAITH -- Mark 16:16
   (2) REPENTANCE -- Acts 2:38
   (3) CONFESSION -- Rom. 10:10
   (4) BAPTISM -- Acts 22: 16

3. The Remedy for the child of God:

   (1) REPENTANCE -- Acts 8: 22
   (2) CONFESSION -- I John 1:9
   (3) PRAYER -- Acts 8:22