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- Supplies Drop-off for Sacramento Refugees - Through June 28th
- New Class: Restoring Gospel for Latter Day Saints - June 23rd @ 9:15am
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  - Women's Day Cityteam Oakland - June 28th @ 9am
- Packing Party for Sacramento Refugees - Friday, June 28th @ 6:30pm
- Serving Refugees in Sacramento - Saturday, June 29th @ 8am
  - Independence Day Church Picnic - Sunday, June 30th
  - GriefShare Group - Starting July
- "Newsies" Musical @ Woodminster - Friday, July 5th @ 8pm
- Navajo Outreach (Registration Open) - July 12th - 21st
  - Morning of Solitude - Saturday, July 13th @ 9am
- Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm

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"Faithful to the End" - Hannah McClure,  
Paul McClure, Joel Taylor,  
Brian Johnson

"Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher

"No Longer Slaves" - Jonathan David  
Helser, Melissa Helser

"How He Loves" - John Mark McMillan

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$826,416.00

Giving Last Week.....\$23,567.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$812,652.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019**

**MUSIC: ALEC TACCONI & ASHLYN HUTCHESON | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL**

## MESSAGE NOTES

*Can we stop sinning? Absolutely!*  
Romans 6:1-11

**What does life look like for the followers of Jesus?**

*A right standing before God  
and*

*the removal of God's wrath  
come through faith in Jesus Christ*

**Rom 3:24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25a** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

**Paul changes topics from our standing before God to living with Him.**

1. Paul begins with an odd question.

**Rom 6:1** *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?*

**Rom. 5:20** *Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



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2. Paul follows with an even more unexpected answer.

a. Presuming on God's grace to forgive us is always absurd! Why?

**Rom. 6:2** *By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

b. Further, we died to sin when we were immersed into Jesus, His death & His resurrection.

**Rom. 6:3** *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

**1 Cor 12:12** *For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

**John 14:20** *In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.*

c. But what does this mean? "We have been taken out from under [sin's] tyranny in a transfer so radical and decisive that the language of death and new life can be used of it."

d. When we came to know Christ by faith, we gained all the benefits of Jesus' work on the cross, so that God could declare us as righteous as His Son (justification), AND, we gained all the benefits of dying & rising with Jesus (desire & power) so that we can live free from sin's control.

3. Paul finalizes his explanation: we share & experience Jesus' life!

**Rom 6:5** *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

4. Now, how does this reality become our experience?

**Rom 6:11** *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

**Heb 11:17** *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup> He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*

**So what must we do to experience this freedom-relationship with Jesus (11)?**

1. We must understand the meaning of we are "dead to sin and alive to God."
2. Having this understanding it must become the grid through which we see God, Jesus, our sinful inclinations & our hope for living "right" & satisfying lives; this must become our most basic assumption of life!
3. How can we develop this grid for life so that we own it? Here are some ideas: