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- Independence Day Church Picnic - Today @ 4:00pm
- GriefShare Group - Starting in July
- "Newsies" Musical @ Woodminster - Friday, July 5th @ 8pm
- Feed Tri-Valley - Saturday, July 13th @ 9am
- Navajo Outreach - July 12th - 21st
- Morning of Solitude - Saturday, July 13th @ 9am
- Women's Day at Cityteam - July 26th
- Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm
- Student Sunday (Single Service @ 10am) - Sunday, August 18th
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th

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### SONGS & SERMONS

- "Wonderful Grace" - Valley Bible Worship
- "The One Who Saves" - Dan Lang
- "Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship
- "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" - Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, Gabriel Wilson
- "Christ Be All Around Me" - David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan
- "I Am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$860,850.00

Giving Last Week.....\$22,159.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$834,810.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

MUSIC: BROOKE THIELEN & DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

### MESSAGE NOTES

*Can we stop sinning? Absolutely!*  
Romans 6:1-11 (Part 2)

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*

What we saw last week in Romans 6:1-5, 11

1. The basic issue: it is absurd to think the grace of justification is a valid excuse to continue sinning [1-2a].

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

2. The primary reason: because the Holy Spirit united us to Christ at initial faith, we died to the sin principle within each of us, AND He established a living relationship between God & us [2b-5].

**Rom. 6:2b** *How can we who died to sin still live in it?<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> 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.*



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3. The key response: we accept as a fact, no matter how we feel, that we have been grafted in to Jesus, His death & His resurrection (11).

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

### Does this really work? A testimonial

#### Why should we care about curbing our sin?

1. Personal reasons: sin destroys the quality of living. See Gal 6:7-8
2. Friendship reasons: sin destroys the quality of relationships. See 1 Cor 5:6-8
3. Divine reasons: sin destroys our quality of life with God. See 1 John 1:5-7.

### Our death with Jesus creates new realities & new potential for living.

1. All we used to be was so thoroughly crucified with Jesus that we are no longer obligated to sin (6); we stand free from sin's control (7)!

**Rom 6:6** *We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin.*

2. Our freedom from sin is final, having been secured by Jesus' once-for-all death & resurrection (8-10).

**Rom 6:8** *Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.*

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

1. Why do we get dominated by sin? We don't GET it, and/or we don't USE it. We must understand the meaning of being "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:
  - a. Read Romans 6:1-11 to gain familiarity with the flow of thought.
  - b. Every time we read this passage, talk to our Father about the struggle & desires to experience Jesus' resurrection power.
  - c. We must know the people, circumstances, temptations & stimuli that most commonly "feed" our sinfulness?
  - d. And when we fail (and we will!), deal with it! Acknowledge to the Father our wrong & guilt, thank Him for the gift of forgiveness & refuse to wallow in guilt as we flee to our Father's open arms. Do it!