

Can We Go on Sinning?

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 6:1-2.

B. We must wrestle with and confront whether or not we can go on sinning as a Christian.

II. The logical question: should we sin in order that grace can increase?

A. One's teaching of the gospel ought to arouse this question in someone's mind.

B. It is fun to sin.

C. Paul is talking about a lifestyle of sin.

D. God loves to show His grace.

III. The answer: no, no.

A. We cannot continue in sin because we died to sin.

B. What it does not mean.

1. That sin is dead in me.

2. That we ought to die to sin—it has already happened.

3. That we are gradually dying to sin.

a. If we are in Adam, we will sin. (Romans 5)

b. If we are in Christ, we will not sin.

c. What happens in Christ is canceling out what happened in Adam.

C. We do not have two natures as Christians—we are either in Adam or in Christ.

1. We are spirits essentially.

2. We experience life through the soul and in Adam our soul is filled with poison.

3. When the spirit turns fully to Christ, the tie with Adam is broken and the spirit is emptied of the poison.

4. Our essential nature with the Holy Spirit is no longer tied to Adam but is tied to Christ.

5. The problem is that our souls and bodies that have been functioning in sin for such a long time and are going along the same way habitually.

6. If we are in Christ, we can no longer live in sin.

D. It is impossible not to live as a Christian once the change has occurred. (Ephesians 5:5, I Corinthians 6:9)

Application questions:

1. Why is it not true that in Christ we are gradually dying to sin?

2. How does the speaker explain the man in his new nature and his present relationship to sin?

3. What status do you have in regards to sin in light of the message? How does this encourage you to break old attitudes and habits? Explain.
