

^{6.1} What then will we say? Are we to remain in sin so that generosity may overflow? ² Absolutely not! We are dead to sin! How can we still live in it? ³ Do you not know that we were all baptized into Christ Jesus? We were baptized into his death. ⁴ Therefore, we have been buried with him through baptism into death so that just as Christ was resurrected from the dead through the Father's glory, so we may also walk in new life. ⁵ For if we have become of-the-same-nature in the likeness of his death, then certainly we will be of-the-same-nature with his resurrection. ⁶ We know this because our old human-self was crucified with him to destroy the body of sin, so we would no longer be slaves to sin. ⁷ For the one who has died has been made righteous apart from sin. ⁸ If we died with Christ, then we trust that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being resurrected from the dead, is no longer dying. Death is no longer controlling him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once for all. But the life he is living, he is living for the Creator. ¹¹ Thus you must also count yourselves dead to sin while also living for the Creator in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore, do not let sin rule in your mortal bodies so that you obey its lusts! ¹³ Do not offer your body-parts to sin as tools of unrighteousness! But offer yourselves to the Creator as having come to life from the dead! Offer your body-parts as tools of righteousness for the Creator! ¹⁴ For sin will not control you, for you are not under the law, you are under generosity!

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under the law but under generosity? Absolutely not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you offer yourselves as obedient slaves, then you are slaves to the one you obey? You are either a slave of sin into death or a slave of obedience into righteousness. ¹⁷ Even though you were once slaves to sin, by the generosity of the Creator you now obey from your heart the pattern of teaching you were given. ¹⁸ You have been freed from sin to be enslaved to righteousness! ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you offered your body-parts as slaves to luxurious living and lawlessness for lawlessness, thus now you offer your body-parts as slaves to righteousness for holiness. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free of righteousness. ²¹ And what fruit did you produce from those actions of which you are now ashamed? The end result of those actions is death. ²² But now you are free from sin! And being slaves of the Creator, you produce your fruit for holiness and the end result is eternal life. ²³ For the reward of sin is death, but the gift of the Creator is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.