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**A. The question is asked: Rom. 6:1
"Should we sin in order that grace
would increase?"**

**B. The question is answered: Rom. 6:2
"No way, we died to sin!"**

**C. The answer is unpacked: Rom. 6:3-14
-Implications: v. 3-10
-Applications: v. 11-14**

Rom. 6:3-5 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Already/Not Yet

-We were declared righteous in fact

-We are becoming righteous in practice

-We will become righteous in fullness

Three Views of the Power over Sin

**1. The power over sin is all or mostly
future.**

2. The power over sin is fully present now...we can reach a state of sinless perfection in this life.

3. Real power over sin is partially present (already) and will be fully present in the future (not yet) for the believer.

Rom. 6:6-10 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

The real "me"...B.C. & A.D.

**The reality of the new life now...the
fullness of the new life "then"**

The presence of sin has not been shattered now, but the mastery of sin has been.

**Sin is not impossible for believers
now...but sin is also not inevitable
for us.**

Perception of freedom
Power of freedom

**"We must become what we are
becoming"**

Growth in real faith and love

Indicative: A description of what is.

**Imperative: A declaration of what
should and must be.**

Rom. 6:11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Rom. 6:12 Therefore do not let sin
reign in your mortal body so that
you obey its evil desires.**

Rom. 6:13-14 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

How?

1. Consecration

2. Training

1 Cor. 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.