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# Introduction

I hadn't intended to stay so long in Romans and I'm eager to move on in our journey but I don't feel I can leave Romans 'hanging in the air' at this point. So, please bear with me while we spend a little time to unpack this very packed section of the wisdom that was given to Paul...

▼ e.g.

▼ Acts 26:24 NKJV

Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! **Much learning** is driving you mad!" (Acts 26:24 NKJV)

▼ 2Timothy 3:7 NKJV

always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2Timothy 3:7 NKJV)

▼ 2Peter 3:14–16 NKJV

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also **our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles**, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. (2Peter 3:14–16 NKJV)

## The Question and the Answer

### ▼ Romans 6:1–2 NKJV

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? (Romans 6:1–2 NKJV)

### ▼ 6:14–15 NKJV

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! (Romans 6:14–15 NKJV)

## IFTTT? - following the 'logic' of Paul's thinking

IFTTT (IF3T) is a label for something that happens in computing. It might have the effect of creating a series of automatic steps in your computing workflow...

It stands for IF-This-Then-That or if this is true do this... I'm adapting it to interpret what Paul is doing here. Let me illustrate... I'm going to stretch the idea...

### ▼ What is IFTTT and how does it work?



IFTTT is **an automation tool that lets you easily script actions that link together a wide variety of devices and services**. ... IFTTT is short for "If This Then That," a programming convention that defines in a nutshell how the service works. The "if this" part is known as the trigger, and "then that" is the action.

## Paul's working style

He frequently starts with a question, again... in fact; here starts with a chain of questions... several of them...

What shall we say then?

i) Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

Certainly not!

ii) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

iii) Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (Romans 6:1–3 NKJV)

and that leads to another chain with several connected links

### The Questions:

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Or do you not know that **as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** (Romans 6:1–3 NKJV)

▼ so... IF this is true then so is what follows...

For **if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly** we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. (Romans 6:5–6 NKJV)

IF - if that is true, then this is true too.

## “God says it, I believe it and that settles it.” *Di Moss*

▼ In other words what we have here is an unbroken chain of truth where each link depends on the one that went before it...



ie - a little study as to why words like ‘therefore’, ‘for’, ‘then’ are often important in Bible study

▼ A Series of Propositions or propositional revelation.

These may be discussed but not disputed. God has revealed it and that settles it. As a missionary friend of mine used to say...

“God says it, I believe it and that settles it.”

▼ We (Paul and his readers) start with a little series of questions

- i) What shall we say then?
- ii) Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?  
Certainly not!
- iv) How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
- v) Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (Romans 6:1–3 NKJV)

▼ and then comes a series of propositions OR statements that answer Question v) above

1. we have been joined together by a baptism that has united us to Christ in his death and in his resurrection life.

is that 'true'? It is a propositional revelation. God has said it, we can tick the box...

▼ Romans 6:4 NKJV - If that is true so is this, therefore... logical progress.

Therefore  
we were buried with Him through baptism into death,  
that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory  
of the Father,  
even so we also should walk **in newness of life**.  
(Romans 6:4 NKJV)

if we were baptised in Christ were are united with him in his death and in his life.

Remember that we saw that this was not a reference to water-baptism but to a baptism in Spirit that united us to Christ himself. We now have shared history AND different destiny.

▼ **Theory or Reality? Standing or State?**

## Key: Paul's theology is consistent with his testimony

### 1. IFTTT -If that is true then so is this...

#### ▼ Romans 6:5 NKJV

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His resurrection*, (Romans 6:5 NKJV)

those who are joined to him in the Spirit have 'experienced' what he has experienced, both his death and his life... we share the fact of his death and resurrection. If we were joined to him will share his death AND his resurrection.

#### ▼ Galatians 2:20 NKJV (Galatians written c20 years before Romans).

##### ▼ Galatians 2:20 NKJV

I have been crucified with Christ ;  
it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the  
*life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son  
of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.  
(Galatians 2:20 NKJV)

##### ▼ Galatians 2:20 ASV

I have been crucified with Christ ;  
and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that *life* which I  
now live in the flesh I live in faith, *the faith* which is in the Son of God,  
who loved me, and gave himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20 ASV)

there are 7 verbs in this sentence.

##### ▼ Galatians 2:20 YNG

▼ i) *with Christ I have been crucified,*

ii) *and live no more do I,*

iii) and Christ doth live in me;

iv) and that which I now live in the flesh —

v) in the faith I live of the Son of God,

vi) who did love me

vii) and did give himself for me; (**Galatians 2:20 YNG**)

## RB paraphrase

▼ i) I\_have\_been\_and\_still\_am co\_crucified\_together\_with Christ,

this whole sentence, 11 words in English, is just 2 words in the Greek:

***Christō synestaurōmai***

Literally: Christ I\_have\_been\_and\_still\_am co\_crucified\_together\_with

▼ i) with Christ I have been crucified ;

**συνεσταύρωμαι** sunestaurōmai συσταυρόω (σύν, σταυρόω)  
sustauroō (sun, stauroō) **Verb** 1 sing perf mid indic **to crucify with**

this is a past tense, speaking of something that happened in the past and, the result/effect of which is continuing into the present.

I have been and still am co\_crucified\_together with (RB)

▼ ii) but I\_am no longer living, **I**.

▼ ii) and live no more do **I**

The **I** is emphatic. Youngs has captured this. The 'Newberry' Bible shows it clearly.

**lives G2198** ζάω zaō

**ζῶ** zō ζάω zaō **Verb** 1 sing pres act indic **to live**

I am no longer living

**[ESVS] G2198 live**

▼ iii) but Christ is living in me

▼ iii) Christ **doth live in me** - **lives G2198** ζάω zaō

**ζῆ** zē ζάω zaō **Verb** 3 sing pres act indic **to live**

but Christ is living in me. (RB)

▼ iv) but that which I\_am\_now\_living the flesh —

▼ iv) and that which I now live in the flesh —

ie 'that life, the life that is Christ within, is being lived out

▼ v) I\_am\_living in/by faith, that of the Son of God,

Controversial.

is this faith 'in Christ' or 'Christ's own faith'

I think both are permissible, but a few times Paul refers to the 'faith of Abraham' in Romans, and uses the Genetive case. The faith that belonged to Abraham,

Here here refers to the 'faith of the Son of God, and again he uses the Genetive case. I judge that the 'faith of the Son of God' has the same force. This is the faith that belongs to the Son of God.

▼ vi) the one having loved me and

**ἀγαπήσαντός** agapēsantos ἀγαπάω (ἀγάπη) agapaō (agapē) **Verb**  
aor act part masc sing gen **to love G0025 loved**

"the loving one" - the G9ver

▼ vii) and having given himself for me; (Galatians 2:20 YNG)

**παραδόντος** paradontos παραδίδωμι (παρά, δίδωμι) paradidōmi  
(para, didōmi) **Verb** aor act part masc sing gen **to deliver, deliver over**

the giving one - the Giver

God so loved that he gave... it's always the way

▼ I\_have\_been\_and\_still\_am\_co-crucified\_together\_with Christ,

but I\_am\_living no longer, I.

but Christ is living in me.

but that which I\_am\_now\_living the flesh — I\_am\_living in/by faith, that of the Son of God; the one having loved me and having given himself for me; (Galatians 2:20 RBPV)

## joining up the links

▼ This completes the circle, so everything in between these two passages is part of Paul's answer to the question

▼ Romans 6:1–2 NKJV

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▼ Part 1 - Rom 6:2-11 - the building blocks of his teaching

Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For *the death* that He died,

He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:2–11 NKJV)

▼ Part 2 - Rom 6:12-18 - freed slaves do not need to obey their master

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. (Romans 6:12–18 NKJV)

▼ Part 3 - Rom 6:19-23 - from death to life

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yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. (Romans 6:12–18 NKJV)

▼ Paul's testimony from 20 years earlier

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but I\_am\_living no longer, I.

but Christ is living in me.

but that which I\_am\_now\_living the flesh — I\_am\_living in/by faith, that of the Son of God; the one having loved me and having given himself for me;

(Galatians 2:20 RBPV)