**1 - A Christian’s Attitude Toward Sin**

Romans Chapter 6

**2 - Context of Romans 6**

Paul has already established that **all are under the condemnation of sin**.

* Chapter 1 - **Gentiles** (1:18-24)
* Chapter 2 - **Jews** (2:1; 17-24)
* Chapter 3 - **All mankind** (3:19-23)

**Justification is by faith in Christ** and the **grace of God**, and not perfect law keeping. (chapter 5) Grace reigns through Christ. (5:21)

**3 - 2 Questions In Romans 6**

1. (6:1) “*Are we to* ***continue in sin*** *that grace might increase?*”
2. (6:15) “***Shall we sin*** *because we are not under law but under grace?*”

***To each rhetorical question, Paul answers, “May it never be!”***

4 - “***What shall we say then?*”**

*“****Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase (abound)?****”* (Romans 6:1, 15)

**“MAY IT NEVER BE!”**

**More grace - more glory to God**

**More sin - more grace**

**Sin requires God’s grace**

5 - “***Or do you not know…?***”

**The purpose of baptism emphasized**:

* It is a **burial**. (Colossians 2:12)
* Put us “***into Christ***”. (Galatians 3:27)
* Become ***“new creatures”*** (2 Cor. 5:17) to walk in ***“newness of life”***. (John 3:5)
* **Will we return to that which we died to**? (Col. 3:1-11; keep putting to death)

6 - **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Continuing in sin after baptism isn’t wrong!**

* **Sin is still sin**… **repentance** **demands** we **right the wrong**. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11;   
  Luke 3:8ff; 19:8; 2 Corinthians 7:11)

7 – **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Deny it.**

* Whether atheism, humanism, relativism… sin doesn’t exist.
* A matter of **authority**. (Jeremiah 5:31)
* Just do what’s right **in your own eyes**. (Judges 21:25)

**8 - Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Minimize it.**

* **Mock it**. (Proverbs 14:9; 10:23)
  + What our entertainment & media do today…
* “Big” sins vs. **“little” sins** (Matthew 5:21, 27; 23:23)
* **Sins of commission** vs. **omission** (James 4:17)
* **Compared to**… (2 Corinthians 10:12)

9 - **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Justify it with good intentions.**

* Examples: **King Saul**, (1 Samuel 15) or **King David** and **Uzzah** (2 Samuel 6:3-7)
* ***“Did we not…?”*** (Matthew 7:21-23)
* **“At least we’re doing something!”**

10 - **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Redefine it.**

* *“****Who is my neighbor****?”* (Luke 10:29)
* Depends on context & culture…? (Jer. 6:16)

11 - **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Get as close to it as we can.**

* **Rather than fleeing…** (Genesis 39:10-12; Proverbs 7; 2 Timothy 2:22
* **Make no provisions**… (Romans 13:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22)

12 - **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

1. **Deal with it later.**

* **We know it separates us…** (Isaiah 59:1-2)
* **… But we’ll seek reconciliation later; after**… ()
* Hoping for **a more convenient time**? (Acts 24:35)

13 - What To Do About My Sin?

* Having been **convicted** of your sin, be obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ, **believing** He is the Messiah, the Son of God, **confessing** your faith, **repenting** of your sins and beginning your new life **through baptism** in Jesus name.