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

Romans Chapter 6

**2 - 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!”***

3 – **Improper attitudes towards sin**.

1. **Continuing in sin after baptism isn’t wrong!**
2. **Deny it exists.**
3. **Minimize or mock it.**
4. **Justify it with good intentions.**
5. **Redefine it.**
6. **Get as close to it as we can.**
7. **Deal with it later.**

4 - **I Must Admit My Sin**

* **We must acknowledge it. (Genesis 3:13; 4:10; Acts 5:1-11; )**
* **Examples:**
* **David (2 Samuel 12:12; Psalms 51)**
* **Saul (1 Timothy 1:15)**
* **Will we acknowledge & confess?
(1 John 1:7-9; James 5:16; Matthew 6:12)**

5 - **I Must Grow To Hate Sin**

**God hates sin and so must I! (Psalms 97:10; Psalms 119:104; Romans 12:9)**

**Why hate sin? Because…**

* **It separates man from God. (Isaiah 59:1-2)**
* **It keeps us His blessings. (Acts 3:26; Rom. 8:14-17)**
* **The price was so great! (Acts 20:28; Romans 2:4)**

**Hate the sin, love the sinner. (2 Corinthians 5:11)**

6 – **Recognize The Source of Sin**

* **The battle for sin begins in our thoughts & minds**. (Matthew 15:19-20;
2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
* Our attitude must focus on **preventing the sinful thoughts**. (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28)
* The battle to be won is **in our minds**.
(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
* **The need for sober thinking**. (1 Peter 5:8)

**7 - I Must Avoid Opportunities**

* I must learn to **flee and pursue…**(1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22)
* I must know my **adversaries schemes**. (Ephesians 4:14; 6:10-11; 2 Corinthians 2:11)
* I must not go **where I know Satan has the advantage**. (Genesis 39:10-12;
Romans 13:13-14)

8 - **I Must Stand Opposed To Sin**

* **Not just not participate, but expose it. (Matthew 18:15; Ephesians 5:11-13; 1 Timothy 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; Rev. 3:19)**
* **Teach against error. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:3, 9-10)**

9 - **I Must Resist It**

**I don’t have to submit to temptation and sin. I can…**

* **Resist! (James 4:7-8)**
* **Fight back! (1 Tim. 6:11-12; Eph. 6:10ff)**
* **Overcome! (Romans 12:21; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21)**
* **Be victorious! (1 John 5:3-4)**11 - **Improper Attitudes About Sin**

10 - **The Sins Of Others**

**I must seek those lost in sin. (Luke 15)**

**I must encourage my brethren to overcome sin. (Hebrews 3:12-13)**

11 - **I Must Choose Who I Serve**

Joshua 24:15, “…***choose*** *for* ***yourselves today whom you will serve***…”
(Hebrews 3:7, 13, 15)

“***Do not let sin reign*** *in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts*”. (Romans 6:12)

We must **drive it out completely**!
(Numbers 33:55)

Keep **filling your heart** with God’s will. (Colossians 1:9)

12 - My Attitude When I Do Sin

**Strive not to**. (John 5:14; 8:11; 1 John 2:1)

Become a “***servant of righteousness***”. (Romans 6:12-16)

Not to deny it but **acknowledge and confess** it. **Pray for forgiveness**. (Acts 8:24; James 5:16)

**Look for the way of escape** for the next temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:12)