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## Romans 6:1, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"

Grace is a wonderful thing. When God bestows His mercy, His love, His forgiveness, and even His chastisement on us, it is because of His wonderous grace. Once we have been born again of the Spirit of God, we are not to continue in sin willfully. Paul said it was a law, "...When I would do good, evil is present with me" (Romans 7:21). This does not mean that we do not sin after being quickened of the Spirit, but it does mean that we should no longer sin willingly. We need to "mortify the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13). Again, Paul relates to this in I Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

Romans 6:1 instructs us that it would be foolish to think that we could sin willingly, knowing that God's grace is merciful and that He is forgiving. As a kid we all learned what we could get away with without either getting caught or getting punished. That won't work with God as He knows all things. So, why would we think we could sin and God would just let it slide? As Romans 6:2 says, "God forbid." There are those who say, 'if I believed what you do I would sin all I want knowing that God's grace was going to save me anyway. 'Actually, it's right the opposite. When one IS SAVED by grace, they do not WANT to sin any longer, they feel remorse for their sins, and desire to thank and serve Him who saved us.

Let us rather seek to please Him and do His will with the understanding that He bestows His grace on us though we are undeserving. Praise be unto His holy name. *Think About IT!*