“Shall We Continue in Sin ... ?”
Romans 6:1

Introduction:
A. The reason for the question (5:20-21)
B. The short answer to the question (v. 2)
C. The detailed reasons for the answer (3-23)
   1. Divided into 3 sections – each begins with a question (vv. 3, 15, 21)
   2. Each section makes an argument for not continuing in sin.

Discussion:
I. We Should Not Continue in Sin Because of Our Baptism (vv. 3-14)
   A. We were buried and planted in baptism (v. 4, 5).
      1. Required “much water” (John 3:23)
      2. Required “going down into water” (Acts 8:38, 39)
   B. We died to sin in baptism.
      1. In likeness of death of Christ (vv. 3-5).
      2. Died to both guilt and practice of sin (v. 6-7)
   C. We were raised in baptism.
      1. Raised to new life (v. 4).
      2. In likeness of Christ’s resurrection (vv. 9-13).

II. We Should Not Continue in Sin Because of Our Commitment (vv. 15-20)
   A. Two choices or commitments available (v. 16).
      1. Free will choices – “yield yourselves”
      2. Were not born to sin – made choice at some time.
   B. Choice or commitment made in obeying gospel (v. 17; cf. Matt 28:18-20).
      1. Choose not to serve sin any longer (v. 18).
      2. Urged to follow through with commitment (vv. 19-20).
   C. No longer dominated by sin, but righteousness (v. 14, 20)
      1. Servants of sin occasionally do righteousness – not dominated by it.
      2. Servants of righteousness occasionally sin – not dominated by it. (cf. 1 John 1:8, 9).

III. We Should Not Continue in Sin Because of Our Destiny (21-23)
   A. As servants of sin our destiny is death.
   B. As servants of God our destiny is eternal life.
   C. Two lives with two different kinds of fruit (cf. Gal. 6:7,8)
      1. Ought to be ashamed of life of sin – only produces death (v. 21).
      2. Ought not be ashamed life of holiness – produces life.

Conclusion:
A. Shall we continue in sin – God forbid!
B. Do not continue in sin as a sinner – obey and be forgiven.
C. Do not continue in sin as a Christian – Ask forgiveness and continually obey God.

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