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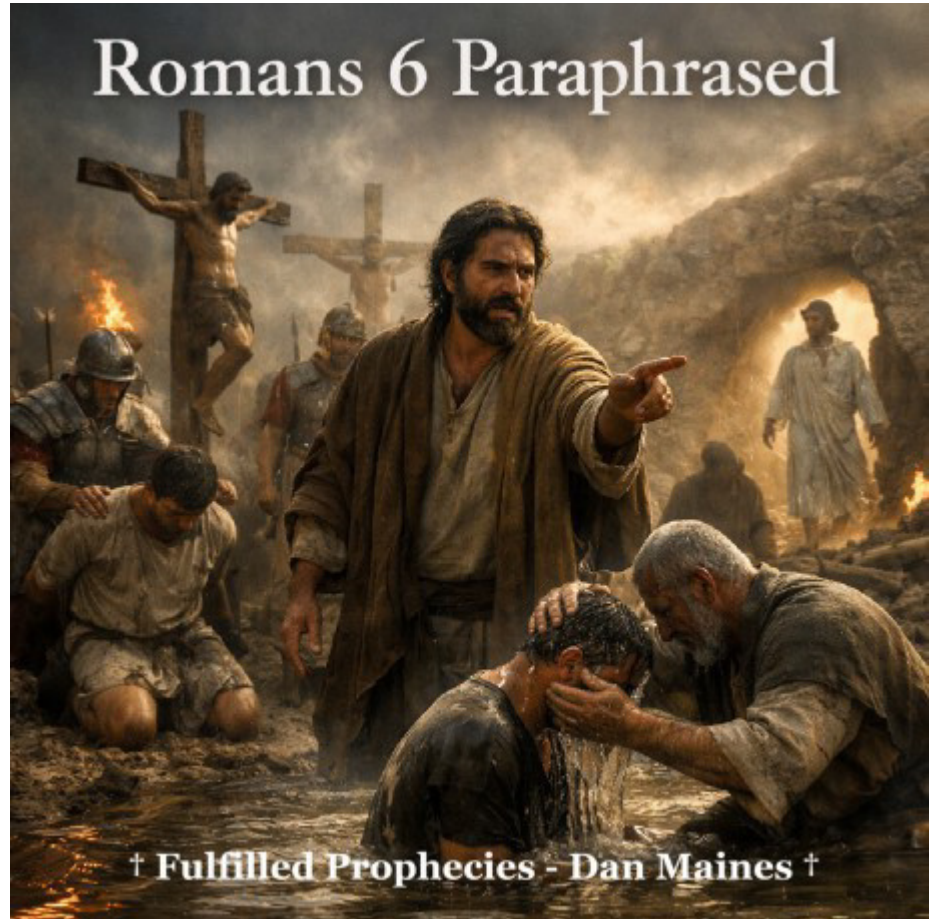
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## Romans 6 Paraphrased



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### Introduction

† Paul is correcting the idea that grace allows people to continue in sin.

† He shows that being joined to Christ means the old life is already finished.

† This chapter explains the end of sin's authority and the reality of living in new life.

### Romans 6:1

So what are we supposed to say, should we keep living in sin

so grace keeps increasing

† Paul is addressing a wrong conclusion from grace increasing where sin increased (Romans 5:20).

† Grace is not permission to sin, it is power that removes sin's control.

† This question exposes the misunderstanding he is correcting.

### **Romans 6:2**

No, not at all, how can we keep living in sin when we have already died to it

† Paul speaks of death to sin as something already completed.

† This death is connected to leaving the old covenant system behind.

† Living in sin would go against what has already happened.

### **Romans 6:3**

Or do you not understand that everyone who was brought into Christ was brought into His death

† Being joined to Christ means sharing in His death (Galatians 3:27).

† The old identity tied to sin has ended.

† This is a real change, not just symbolic.

### **Romans 6:4**

We were buried with Him through that death, so that just as Christ was raised, we also now live a completely new life

† Burial shows the old life is fully finished.

† The new life is already active, not future.

† This is the new covenant life already present (2 Corinthians 5:17).

### **Romans 6:5**

If we have been joined with Him in His death, then we are also joined with Him in His life

† Union with Christ includes both death and life.

† This life is present, not something still waiting.

† It is life in the kingdom (Ephesians 2:5-6).

### **Romans 6:6**

We know that our old self was put to death with Him so that the power of sin would be broken and we would no longer be controlled by it

† The old self is the identity connected to Adam and the law.

† The power of sin came through that system (Romans 7:5).

† That power has already been broken.

### **Romans 6:7**

Because the one who has died has been released from sin

† Death removes obligation just like it removes someone from the law (Romans 7:1-4).

† Since they died with Christ, sin has no claim on them.

† This is legal freedom.

### **Romans 6:8**

And since we died with Christ, we believe we are now living with Him

† Living with Christ is a present reality.

† This is life in the kingdom already established (Colossians 1:13).

† They had already entered that life.

### **Romans 6:9**

We know Christ was raised and will never die again, death has no power over Him anymore

† His resurrection was final.

† Death's power came through sin and the law, both fulfilled.

† In Him, that power is gone.

### **Romans 6:10**

When He died, He dealt with sin once and for all, and now He lives fully for God

† His death was complete and never repeated (Hebrews 10:10).

† The old system has ended.

† His life defines the new covenant.

### **Romans 6:11**

In the same way, you should see yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ

† This is about recognizing what is already true.

† Their identity has changed.

† They now live in relationship with God.

### **Romans 6:12**

So do not let sin take control of your body or make you follow its desires

† Sin no longer rules, but it can still influence.

† This is about authority, not existence.

† They are called to live according to their new identity.

### **Romans 6:13**

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin for wrongdoing, instead offer yourselves to God as those who are alive, and use your bodies for what is right

† They are already alive from the dead.

† Their bodies now serve righteousness.

† This reflects the new life already given.

### **Romans 6:14**

Sin will not rule over you because you are no longer under law but under grace

† The law gave sin its strength (1 Corinthians 15:56).

† Being under grace means that system is gone.

† Sin's rule ended with it.

### **Romans 6:15**

So then, should we sin because we are not under law but under grace, no, not at all

† Paul repeats the same idea to make it clear.

† Grace is not permission.

† It produces real change.

### **Romans 6:16**

Do you not realize that when you obey something, you become its servant, either sin which leads to death or obedience which leads to what is right

† Everyone serves something.

† Sin leads to death under the old system.

† Obedience leads to righteousness in the new.

### **Romans 6:17**

But thank God, even though you were once slaves to sin, you now obey from the heart the teaching that was given to you

† Their obedience comes from within.

† The teaching is the gospel.

† This shows true transformation.

### **Romans 6:18**

You were set free from sin and became servants of what is right

† Freedom leads to a new master.

† Righteousness now defines them.

† This is a complete change.

### **Romans 6:19**

I am speaking in simple terms because of your human weakness, just as you once gave yourselves to impurity and lawlessness, now give yourselves to what is right leading to growth

† Paul simplifies the truth so it is clear.

† Growth is living out what is already true.

† Their direction has completely changed.

### **Romans 6:20**

When you were slaves to sin, you were not concerned with

what is right

† Before Christ, righteousness had no control.

† They lived outside God's standard.

† This shows the difference between the two states.

### **Romans 6:21**

What did you gain from those things you are now ashamed of, those things only lead to death

† Sin leads to shame and death.

† This death refers to covenant judgment.

† Their past had no lasting value.

### **Romans 6:22**

But now you have been set free from sin and belong to God, and the result is growth and a life that never ends

† This life is present covenant life.

† It comes from being joined to God.

† It is not something future.

### **Romans 6:23**

Sin pays out death, but God gives life that never ends through Christ

† Sin produces death under the old system.

† God gives life through Christ.

† This life is the fulfilled new covenant reality.

### **Historical References**

† Irenaeus taught that Christ brought freedom from sin and ended the old system.

† Clement of Alexandria wrote that true obedience comes from a changed heart.

† Eusebius recorded how early believers saw the shift from the old covenant to the new life in Christ.

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We are not under the law, so sin does not rule us.

† Our identity is already changed, we are alive to God.

† We live from freedom, not trying to earn it.

† Righteousness now defines our life.

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** Does grace allow us to keep sinning

**A** No, grace removes sin's authority and calls us into new life (Romans 6:2, 14)

**Q** What does it mean to be dead to sin

**A** It means sin no longer has authority because we died with Christ (Romans 6:6-7)

**Q** Is the life in this chapter future

**A** No, it is present life in Christ already active (Romans 6:4-5)

**Q** What broke the power of sin

**A** The end of the law removed sin's strength (Romans 6:14; 1 Corinthians 15:56)

**Q** What is eternal life here

**A** It is the present life given through Christ in the new covenant (Romans 6:22-23)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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