

# Why Can't I Keep Sinning?

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Let's take a look at the Book of Romans. Last week what we learned that the reason we have the law it was given to Moses so that man would see that they're sinners, OK. Because without some type of rules, you don't know that you broke any. Right. So, there was only one rule, right? There was only one rule. Don't eat from this tree in the garden. Right. You're like. OK, well, that's a good rule. Don't eat from that. And we broke that rule. But after that there were no commandments. There's no commandments or anything. For all this time up until. Moses and so. How are they supposed to know that they're sinners, you say? Hey, you meet them at McDonald's and you say, hey, you're a Sinner and they go. Why? And they say well, because you. I don't know why right? Because well, I didn't break any rule. Did I know? Well, then you have to have a law so that you know that you're a Sinner. And so, we found out that that was the case. And so it said in verse 20 of Chapter 5, it said this, it said, but where sin increased, grace increased all the more. What it's trying to. Tell us is. This that there was no there was no. There was no kind of there. There was sin because there was death. But there was no visible sin. You didn't see that you were sinning. Before and so once you saw that you were sitting, cause there's a law sin increased, right, because now you're seeing it everywhere and it says when Sin says but where sin increased, grace increased all the more because now God is now you're able to see his grace over and over and over again. Over those things that were revealed to you, so that verse 21. So that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus. Christ your Lord. OK. Now, if you're anything like me. And maybe this is bad, but I think everybody thinks this way, and everybody I've read thinks this. If you see how much there is grace, you've been a Sinner and you receive the grace of God and you're like, wow, I am forgiven for every single sin I've ever committed in my entire life, all my past ones, all my present ones, all my future ones. If Grace reigns over sin. And death and all my sins. Past, present, future. They're all forgiven. Why should I stop sinning? I got sick when I was 14. OK. That's just when girls start to look good. When you're a teenager, you're like, Oh my goodness girls, right? I discovered something at 14. Wow. They exist. And then I became a Christian. But I still had all the same desires and still all the. Same stuff that. All the other kids in school had, right? Why? Because I'm a guy and I'm a boy and I'm a human. Right. And so I'm thinking to myself, I'm a Christian, but all my sins are forgiven, right? Don't tell me you don't think this way. Don't tell me you never thought this way. I know what's going on. I can see what's going on and. You're thinking, man. Or you're someplace and you're like, well, boy, I'm really tempted to do this, but I shouldn't because I'm a Christian. But you know, I'm going to go ahead anyway because I know God will forgive me. Never, never thought that. Am I the only one that thinks that way. Come on, all of you. Think that way every one of you has had that go through your brain and all of you online have done the exact same thing. You're thinking. OK, I get this cat. I understand where he's going. I'm picking up what he's laying down here, right? This is a natural thing to think about, and the reason I know it's natural is because Paul was dealing with this question with all the people that he was dealing with. They were seeing how and how much there was there was. Sin. They were forgiven by it, and they're still wanting to be a part of what's going on in the world. They're still wanting to sin. They're still tempted to sin, and they're still giving in to sin. Because, the perfect efficacy of grace, I guess is the way I'd say it because grace is so perfect and it forgives us, it gives us grace so perfect. It's a dangerous thing. It's it's dangerous. The Grace of God is dangerous, so much is it dangerous that churches

have gotten to the point where they will start to make up stuff to keep you from getting too out of line. OK. So, the reason why a bunch of churches are legalistic is because they see grace as dangerous. They look at it and say, well, if grace is free. If people are safe for free. If it doesn't cost people a thing, if you tell people God saves and accepts them apart from anything that they do. Then there's not going to be motivated to obey God. So, the church has to come up with things. Right. And so you get some churches very legalistic. Well, you know what you disobeyed this rule or you disobeyed that rule. And we've got a problem. We're going to have to do something. People during Paul's time, they wondered about this just like we. Because it's a logical question to ask when we've just seen how absolute Jesus obedience is. In, in reverse and the opposite of what Adam did in his disobedience. So, let's turn to it. It's we're going to look at chapter one of chapter, Chapter 6, verse one. And here's what it says. It says, what shall we say then? Paul's going to address this question. What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning? So that grace may increase, right? Because if every time I sin, then the grace of God is what forgives me, and now all of a sudden I experience the grace of God, right. Then Grace is increasing and I'm being blessed by that. And so, the more I sin the more blessed I'll get. Actually, I'll tell you what, if you think this is weird. If you're heard of Rasputin. You ever hear of Rasputin? He was the Russian monk back late 1800s into the early 1900s, and he was a monk and he was a part of a sect that they believed this actually, so much so that these monks would get involved in \*\*\*\*\* and things so they would experience sin in a major way, and then they would come to God for forgiveness. And in that. They would receive all this forgiveness. And they'd say, oh, wow, we are experiencing God. That was the idea. And that was Rasputin's view. It's total heresy. Total heresy if you read the the 5th, the 6th chapter of Romans. Look what it says, shall we? Sin then shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? Here's here's Paul's answer. He's gonna give you one answer and then he's going to take the rest of the chapter to explain it. OK. What he means by that? He says You're wondering by no means some of you here have have a version says, certainly not. So is it OK for you to go on sinning after you've been a Christian? He says no, absolutely not. So we answered the question and then you're like, well, how's come? Says by no means why? What's to say we are those who have died to sin? Died to sin. How can we live in it any longer? What he's exhorting us to. Is he's saying you have died to sin now, is he saying you need to die to sin? You need to get up every morning and in a sense kill sin within you. You need to wake up every morning and die to sin. He does not say that. Watch what he said, he said. He said by no no means we are those who have died to sin. How can you live in any land now? The couple ways you can think you can sit. How can you live in it any longer? Now I tell you I've read that verse for the last 20 some years, and when every time I read it, I've always kind of read it the same way. It's kind of like, well, how could you live in it any longer? Right? Like, you got a little bit of attitude when you ask it. Well, how could you live in that any longer? Like, like, somebody picks something off the ground and it's kind of nasty and say, oh, you ate it, how could you eat that? Right. It's kind. Of that, how could you do that? But the more and and that might be part of the way he's saying it. But but the more I've read it, the more I'm thinking it is. It's more. How could that possibly be? That doesn't make rational sense. You have died to sin. How can you how can you live in sin? If you died to sin. Right. How can something be alive where it's already died? That that, I think is really the way he's trying to explain this. It gets into it. How can you live in sin if sin is something you are dead in relationship to? Now at this point, you're like, well, what does that mean, right. Can you give me an illustration? Of what? Being dead to sin means. Well, that's what Paul does. The next thing he's going to give you an illustration of what it means to be dead to sin. So here's what he does. Look what it says in verse three, it says. And don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death and order that, just as Christ was raised from the. Dead through the. Glory of the father. We, too, may live a new life. So what he's doing here is that in order to explain what it means to be

dead to sin, no, you're not going to live in sin anymore because you died to sin. How can you live in any longer? He says. Let me give you a picture of it and. The pictures he. Gives us are first of all, baptism. And then he's going to give us another picture of grafting of, of uniting with something. So it's the same word that we use when you, when you're going to graft a tree. I remember talking to to kale and kale. They got all these apple trees and all these things, and we think, well, maybe we'll try to graft one. I'm into one of my trees because I really want an apple tree. And it's like, well, let's just get a whole tree, right? But we were thinking about grafting one end right and seeing how that works. And so that's part of the. Picture he's going to do. Here, so let's. Walk through these pictures together so that we can. Make heads or. Tails of this so. One is baptized, one is baptism, one is grafting. So watch this. Something major happens to you when you get saved. Now you don't always feel it. Some people feel it, but you don't feel spiritual stuff. OK, you feel physical things because you have a physical body, but you don't necessarily feel and recognize and understand all the stuff that happens to you spiritually, OK? So that's why we have pictures like baptism. When you died to Christ you didn't like feel dead. You know what I mean? Like you. You didn't like your heart, didn't stop beating the moment you died to sin the moment you were united with Christ and died with him. Your physical body didn't stop. You didn't feel that you might have felt emotion, but you didn't feel the physical. You didn't feel the spiritual thing because that is a spiritual reality. And So what he's saying is that you spiritually you died to sin. That is a reality for every person in this room who put their faith in Christ. You died to sin. You died to the nature, the the type of the, the nature you were when you were born, which was. Remember we talked about Adam. You were born Adam. You were born like Adam. You died to that one. We'll talk about that with the grafting. Here in a minute. So if I died a sin. Am I risen to sin some more? No, I died to sin. I died to my sin nature. I died to that old Adam. Spiritually, you cut yourself off from Adam. And sin, you've cut yourself off from Adam. You've cut your you've been cut off from sin. You've been cut off from death. In the spiritual realm, right. You're still gonna die physically. But that's what. Baptism is about, so let me lose a use a picture here. Let's. Let's go and throw. Those up on the screen here, Cooper. So I have a a tree that's like must be like on some kind of weird drugs cause it doesn't know it's winter time. It just sprouted like a little bit ago. I don't know what this is about. Right. So I want you to picture 2 trees. This will help us understand what's going on here. So what we have is we have two trees, we have the. Atom tree you were born attached to that tree. See those little pears there? On the bottom. You were born attached to that tree. I was born attached to that tree. Every human being was born attached to that tree. It's who you are, your nourishment. Right. How you function? What drives you all the SAP? That's coming through the. Through you, that causes you to act this way or act that way, or whatever. It's coming from your general nature, right? It's it's creating fruit of sin because that's what kind of tree it is. It's a sin tree. Right. But when you put your faith in Jesus Christ, when you put your faith in him, what happened is you were cut off from that tree. You are no longer connected to the atom tree anymore, right? We took. I took a scissors and chopped it right off. That was my baptism. I died with Christ. I was chopped off. I died when I died. When I was united with Christ and his death. When he died through faith. I'm united to him. And he died. To that tree, I died to that tree. I am no longer connected. Am I getting the juice of the juice and the SAP from that tree? No. Spiritually I am not. Because I'm not connected to that tree, I am dead to sin spiritually. I am dead to sin. I it's not. No SAP, no sin. SAP coming in. Trying to make. This as easy. There's no sense. It's not really sin. SAP. OK. I'm just explaining it so you can. See no sin SAP coming in, right? I'm dead to sin, right? All that. What does that mean? It means that I'm not being fed the Fed. The need to sin like I had to sin when I was attached to that. I'm tree. I had to. I was a. Slave to sin. But when I was chopped off now I'm not a slave to sin. I'm not a slave to it anymore, cause I've cut off. I am dead to sin. This thing will die if it's not attached to a tree. So what happened is I died. I died to sin. I died to Adam. And when I was buried, I died. I was resurrected and raised spiritually in Christ. In other words, I was grafted into

that tree. Now I'm grafted into the Jesus tree. And so the question is. I am now alive. I'm going to live and I'm going to live forever because that tree is gonna go away. The Adam tree is going away. That tree. That Jesus tree it's gonna live forever. It'll continue on forever for eternity. I am grafted into that tree and will remain. I could take this limb. This is me. I stick it in there. I'm. Attached and now. Where is my power? That tree. I have the Holy Spirit that's God in spirit, empowering me. To transform and see that. See, that's the old you see there. There's still pair there. That's still sin fruit there.

But if we.

Keep going, the more. I'm in that tree. The more it begins to transform and it begins to come like the tree that I'm actually grafted into. You see that? Literally, you died to sin. Spiritually, you died to sin. How can you live in it any longer? The truth is, you cannot. You are unable to sin spiritually. How can you live in it? A longer how could? You possibly live in sin any longer if you're not connected to sin. If you are not, you said. But Dustin, I got a problem with that because I send it this morning. Right. And then on my way here, I got, I slipped a little bit on the ice and I send again. And then I got here and I saw somebody in here and they said something and I I send again and see I'm I'm in the wrong tree and your your hearts beating. You're like I'm stuck in the Adam tree, right. I must be in the Adam tree. And so we doubt. And we say well boy I must not be a believer right. Because I'm still sinning if I was if I wasn't. Here's the problem. There's still there's still juice in here from before. They're still sapping this from when? I was attached to that tree. Right, this is this. Is still, it's still got apples that. It it still behaves sometimes like even. Though it's not attached. That's not the source. That's not. The tree it's attached to. I still, it's still still stuff coming out. Of it. You know what that's called? It's called the flesh. The Bible calls it the flesh. OK. The Bible calls it the flesh, so you're not. You cannot sin spiritually because it's not you, your entire redemption. It's all based in that tree. It's all based in Jesus spiritually. It has nothing to do with you. It has to do with what Christ did. It doesn't matter. What you would do in the flesh. It would not affect that tree. That tree cannot be sinful because it's all based on Christ and his obedience. But you're grafted into that and you still have residual from being attached to that tree. And that's called the flesh. And So what we're supposed to do as believers is, though I am no longer a slave to sin, I recognize I've been cut off from the tree of Adam. I I do not. I am not a slave to sin anymore. I still. I still have that. That's in me and what I want is I want this. I want me to become. I don't wanna be like that tree. I don't wanna. I don't wanna bear that fruit. I don't want to bear that fruit. That's my old fruit. How come I still? Keep creating the old fruit. I don't want any of that fruit. What I really want is I want to have be creating a good fruit. Man, cause that's what I was. I was. Taken for that's why God redeemed me so I could bear that fruit. So I'm thinking. Well, yeah, that's what I want to do. So I recognize where I'm at. So let's, let's keep going here. It says now if Christ died verse it. Let's look at verse 5 for if we have been united with him in death. That's what we just said. We are united with him in death, remember? We we we died with Christ. We united with him in death. We will certainly be united with him in his resurrection like this. OK, so now we're grafted into the Jesus tree where we're connected with his righteousness. It's all his righteous, for we know that our old selfless crucified to him, so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with. That's the goal. The body ruled by sin would be done away with. That's what. That's what he did, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. Why? Because I'm not connected to that tree anymore. I can. I'm not that. It's not providing me my source of you're going to do this. You're going to do that, right? What's in the tree? The tree tells the branch. Whether you gonna produce an apple, whether you gonna produce a Peach where you gonna produce atom life or Christ life. For we know that our old self was crucified with him, so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with that we should no. Longer be slaves. And sin because. Anyone who has died has been free from sin. The question is, have you died spiritually? Have you put your faith in

Christ and and united yourself with Christ and saying yes, I? Trust you with my salvation. If that happened, then you spiritually died with Christ and you've raised without. Because if you if you raised with any kind of sin, you'd go to hell, right? I mean, that's the point. The whole point is that you're without sin. This isn't Catholicism here, right? We don't get. We don't. We don't raise up and like, oh, boy, you you took away 85% of my sin. Let me burn for 300 years. It doesn't work that way. You're either saved or you're not. Right, you're either. It's either he's either made you righteous or not. You're either without sin or you are with sin. Which is it? This is just the flesh we're trying to overcome. This. We'll deal with this in a couple of verses. It goes on verse 8. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we also live with him, right? How we live with him. We're attached to that tree spiritually. We're connected to that other tree. We're connected to the Jesus tree for we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, we cannot die again. Why can we not die again? Because that tree, the Jesus tree, is going to live forever, right? We're not connected to the tree that's going to die to the atom tree. That tree is all about death. We're connected to this one. It's all who you're connected to. It's all where? Your righteousness comes from. Then it says the death he died, he died to sin once for all. There was just one death that mattered. He died once for all. You said Dustin, man, you're freaking. You're freaking me out. Because if being in Christ means being dead to sin. You sure I'm not in you sure. I'm in Christ, cause boy, I'm seeing. All this remember the flesh, right? The flesh, it's leftover. So, well, Dustin, I want to do this. I don't. Wanna I don't. Want that flesh? Then let's do what Paul says as he continues on. Let's try. To finish this out here. Cause cause what I'm trying to do. My goal here is to bring my body the flesh into accordance with who I'm actually. Who I am actually spiritually, let me give you an example. When we lived in Seattle. We lived at the end of a dead end, St. and right across from our house was a family that. Trying to think of how I can say this. They had a. Lot of possessions. That weren't worth anything. OK, so there are yard. Just to. Explain it. Their yard had all kinds of trucks in it, and it had lots of tires in it, and tarps over motors. And it had just junk everywhere. Man. It was just like, I mean, I would come home and I'd go. I mean that that's how it felt sometimes it's like Sanford and. Son, every every. Day I come home and I and and I get home and I'm like wow man. And and and then I'm thinking to myself, well, geez, you know, this can't be really good for my property values and all this kind of stuff. I'm thinking all that kind. Stuff you know, because we live in the we live in the city. It's not like we live like out in the middle of the country or something that makes sense. But when you live in a city, come, it's like, dude, Sanford and Son needs to go, right? So they lived. In that house. Why was it Sanford and son in the yard? Because they lived there? It's because of who it's not. Because of the outside of the House, that's not. Why it looked that way? The. Reason it looked like that. Is because of who lived in there. Who? Lived in the house. And so about maybe six months before we moved here, wouldn't you know it? We lived there the whole time that Sanford and his son lived there. And then after we're about six months to move here. They sell the place across the street. New people move in. Now, different insights. Now there's somebody new inside the property. Guess what happened to the outside? All cleaned up all nice. They're painting stuff, right? There's no trucks, right? There's no motor with the with the tarps over it. There's no boat attached to a camper attached to a little house attached to the there's none of that right. It's all. It's nice. The reason is because of what was what's in. It right, the house. The the external what we're seeing. Is the result of what it's connected to, what it's grafted to. It used to be grafted to Sanford and son. Now it's grafted to somebody that wants to take care of the. Property and cares. About the value and somebody that just has a different. View of things right. And that's what's happening with us is that is that we weren't connected to sin. We had to act that way. We had to be. We had to sin. We were slaves to it because we were attached to. The sin tree. But when we died, when we died with Christ, we died. We raised with him. We're attest to him. And now your tree is going to look different. It's going to feel different the way you think about sin changes. You used to think it was great to do this, and now you still are

not doing it, but you feel really guilty and you're you don't want to do it anymore. There it's. It's just a different, different story. So it says in the same way, count yourselves dead to sin. This is how you deal with this. That's how you make yourself more like he he's wanting these people that he's talking to you and I who are attached to this tree and now are attached to Christ. How do we get rid of this? How do we make? How do we how do we we don't want. To sin anymore, right? We don't want to sin. Anymore we want. We want. To become we want this tree. Let's put that back up there, Coop. We want. We want to see. We want to. See the fruit change right? We want to see the fruit change. We want to see the fruit change in our life. What do we do to propagate that to become more like Christ? To get rid of the residual that's in us. So we'll begin to come by the nature that we actually are attached to. Here's what he says, he says in the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus, in other, in other words. Recognize the reality, recognize the spiritual reality that you are dead to sin. One of the reasons you're sinning is cause. You think you have. To it's habitual, you've just kind of got in. No, no, no. You're dead to sin. That's not your nature. And it says and count yourselves alive to God in Christ Jesus. And then it says in verse 12. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies so that you obey its evil desires so that you're obeying the flesh. Don't let the flesh in here run you. But connect yourself to God, connect to yourself to where you are actually, spiritually. And so the first thing count yourself dead to sin, live in the knowledge that you're free to not sin. For some of you that that might be. Tough. Well, I just always thought. I had to. You know, there's just a habit. I've been in too. I've always this is where I've been I kind of have to. I'm I'm kind of a slave to this. Some of us have lived our whole. Lives believing that we. Are just sinners that are trying to overcome the nature. Isn't that right? You believe? Well, I'm a Sinner at my core. That's who I am. And I'm trying to overcome through specific power. Right. This is a very kind of Pentecostal view. I I'm a Sinner at my core. And I'm so sinful. And. And So what I'm gonna do is I gotta try to have God's power to try to overcome this. Who I actually am, that's not really true. You actually, spiritually, you are without sin. And what you're doing is you're trying to. Overcome the flesh. This is about. The flesh becoming like who you really are. Just count yourselves dead to sin. And then it says. Remember that you are in Christ, John the Baptist said. I baptize you. I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who will, who is more powerful than I, who sinners. I am unworthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. Now, some denominations, they're going to say, well, baptism in the Holy Spirit is a second blessing, right? So you get saved and then you have another event where you're usually speaking the speaking tongues. And that's the baptism in the Holy Spirit. No, just doesn't have a bunch of different baptisms. It's not like, oh, let's do this baptism and that baptism and this, but. That's not how it works. What happened is I died to the old self. This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is that I died to my old nature and now I'm connected with Christ. It's Christ righteousness. It's that's the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Where's the power coming from? Because that's who I am, because I'm connected to Christ. I'm connected to God. That's the baptism. Of the Holy Spirit. And so it says, do not offer any parts of yourselves to sin as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God. So this is what you practically do. In your life, you have a choice. Your little branch. This is you. Aren't you cute? Right, this is you. You were cut off from sin from that sin nature cause you died with Christ. You are grafted in to Christ Jesus. But you still have all the sin juices still in there. The sin pulp right in there. Some of it's just habit, right? Because it's hard to break habits, right? And this is your flesh. This isn't your spirit. This is your flesh. And so it says. Don't offer any. Part of yourself. To sin as an instrument of wickedness. Why? Because if ioffer it as a as a. If ioffer my body to wickedness to this tree. Then I'm gonna. I'm. I'm just gonna get in the habit of living a life that's contrary to who I am. It's not hard to understand, right? The more I belong to this tree. But you know what? I'm going to offer myself over here. Well, no, don't offer yourself over there cause you get in the habit. Of living that. Way and you'll start to live that way. And that's not how who you belong to.

That's not where you belong. Do not offer yourself any part of yourselves as as in term of sin, but rather offer yourselves to God. As those who have. Been brought from death to life and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. Right and grafted in, offer myself as God. I'm a part of you. I am. I am in you. And now that I'm here create any kind. Of fruit you want. Any kind of fruit you want, you're in charge. I was a slave to to the sin, to the Adam tree. Now I'm a slave to you. Anything you want. And I know that I'll have the power to do it because I'm grafted into you. And I know this seems impossible. You're like, man, this just seems impossible. And though it seems impossible for where you're sitting, it's only possible it's not only possible with reality, this is your reality. Verse 14. We'll finish it up for sin shall no longer be your master because you are not under the law but under grace. Right. Right. You're grafted in Christ, that's your spiritual nature. You are dead to sin. Recognize where you are now in Christ. Right. We get to, we get to be discouraged here. Here's what he's saying. You get to be discouraged. Just talk about the law. Why do you get to be? You get to be discouraged because you recognize that you're in Christ or you think you're in Christ. You've given your life to Christ. I thought I was in Christ. And then you break the law. You break one of God's laws and then you get discouraged cause you say, well, it's not matching. You get discouraged. What Paul is saying is here is don't be discouraged because you're not under law. The law isn't applying to you anymore. You're not under law. You're under grace. Don't be using the law to to try to fix anything with you. Don't use the law to discourage you or or discourage you, cause the law doesn't apply to you. Because you are in Christ, Grace applies to you. Grace applies to you. Don't let yourself get discouraged by that. So that's our that's our hope this week. We're gonna look ourselves. Say I'm a I'm I'm a little. I'm a cute little branch. Boy, it was it was pretty rough when I was attached into this tree over here. You know, and I had to do whatever that tree said. Ohh, go out and do this bad thing or do that bad thing. And I was like no God came. I died. I was cut off. I died with Christ. I go under the water. He was buried dead to sin. Raised up now attached to Christ, ready to live out my true nature. A nature through the power that's that's in this tree. The power of Christ. That's us. That's us. God help us to live this way. Help us to, to be your people. God, to live as people who are dead to sin. How is it even possible for? Us to live in it any longer. We can't live in it because we're dead to it. God, thank you. Help us to to be more. Just transform us. God by the power of your word. In Jesus name Jesus name.

Joy to the world, the lawless. Come, let me save the king. Let it be creepy.

And heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature.