

LESSON 07

Does Grace Give You a License to Sin?

2: Eternal Security

Executive Summary

Some argue that teaching eternal security encourages believers to live carelessly. Paul answers directly: "By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" Eternal security is not a license to sin — it's a motivation for gratitude and holiness that flows from the Holy Spirit's work in every true believer.

Key Terms

Grace	God's unearned favor toward sinners, shown supremely in Christ and active in the believer's growth.
Holiness	A life increasingly set apart for God, shaped by gratitude, obedience, and the Spirit's transforming work.
Sanctification	The lifelong work of God by which believers increasingly turn from sin and grow in Christlikeness.
Obedience	A willing response to God's authority that puts His commands into practice through faith.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

Romans 6:1-14

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Galatians 5:13

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Application Questions

1. How does Paul answer the idea that Christians should keep sinning because God gives grace?

2. Why should receiving God's grace make a believer want to obey Him?

3. How can you use your freedom in Christ to serve someone instead of pleasing yourself?

4. What sinful choice should you refuse this week, and what right choice can replace it?
